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London, To-day.

The whole City of London was rocked by a tremendous explosion which occurred yesterday afternoon near St. Paul's Cathedral and behind Faraday House, London's principal telephone exchange.

A large building near the explosion collapsed, and a number are feared to have been killed.

Force of the explosion was so great that it broke windows over a wide area, including St. Paul's, where a number of priceless stained-glass windows were scattered in fragments.

AUTHORITY TO CENSOR H.K. PRESS POSTERS

THE FOLLOWING ORDER WAS ISSUED TO-DAY:

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Now therefore by virtue and in exercise of such powers the Governor in Council makes the following regulation which shall be added as regulation 21A to the regulations made under the said section 2 on the 28th September, 1938, and published in the Gazette of 7th October, 1938, as Government Notification No. 775:

21A.—(1) The Colonial Secretary may, by command of the Governor, in writing require the publishers and editors of any newspaper to submit to the Commissioner of Police, or such other persons as the Governor may authorize, for censorship prior to publication or distribution two or more copies of every separate placard or display sheet purporting to contain, in any language other than Chinese, an announcement of the contents or of a portion of the contents of the said

Police and the fire brigade erected temporary casualty stations in order to deal with the hundreds of cases of pedestrians cut by flying glass.

The international headquarters of the Salvation Army in Queen Victoria Street were also used for treatment of injured.

Fifty-foot flames in the wrecked building were fought by the City's rapidly concentrated fire brigades.

MAIN BURST

Official cause of the explosion, given by an official of the Gas Company, is that a water main burst, probably owing to the heavy rains, which caused its bed to sink.

Water fractured the gas main and undermined the building.

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ANOTHER DAUGHTER FOR JULIANA

Soestdijk, To-day.

Princess Juliana gave birth to a daughter early this morning at Soestdijk Palace. — Reuter.

newspaper.

(2) Any regulation under this regulation may be either for a limited or for an indefinite period and may be revoked, suspended or reimposed at any time in writing by the Colonial Secretary by command of the Governor.

(3) No person shall publish or distribute any placard or display sheet required by this regulation to be submitted for censorship until the copies thereof have been approved and passed by the censor.

UNITED STATES TO MAP ITS OWN COURSE

Washington, To-day. Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, while refusing to comment specifically on Mr. Chamberlain's House of Commons speech on the Commons situation, yesterday said the United States would map its own course in the Far East.

Mr. Welles declared there was no understanding between the United States and Britain for joint action in the Orient.—Reuter.

ANGLO-FRENCH COOPERATION ON SILVER

Paris, To-day.

It is indicated in well-informed quarters that the French Government is replying to the British enquiry on the subject of Chinese silver deposits in the British and French Concessions in Tientsin.

It is stated it considered British and French interests to be linked. It is added that France will adopt an attitude identical to Britain on this point.

It is believed that the French Government has informed Japan of her attitude.—Reuter.

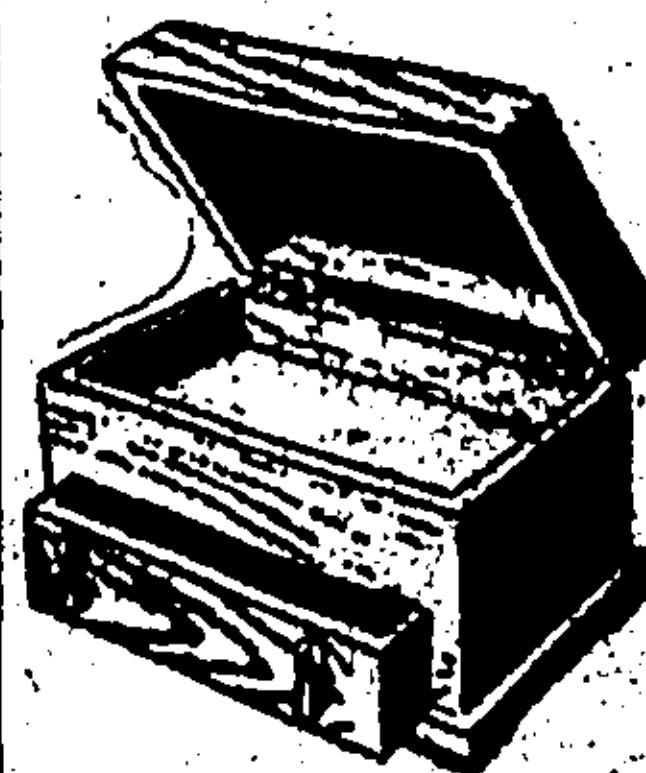
NO MEETING OF TOKYO CONFERENCE

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

NO MEETING OF THE ANGLO-JAPANESE ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE OR THE SUB-COMMITTEE WAS FIXED FOR YESTERDAY.

The "Asahi Shimbun" attributes the delay firstly to the firmer British attitude, due to the United States abrogation of the trade treaty, and secondly, The British Government is marking time to permit dissatisfaction to die down in Britain in connection with "the concession Britain is expected to make to Japan." — Reuter.

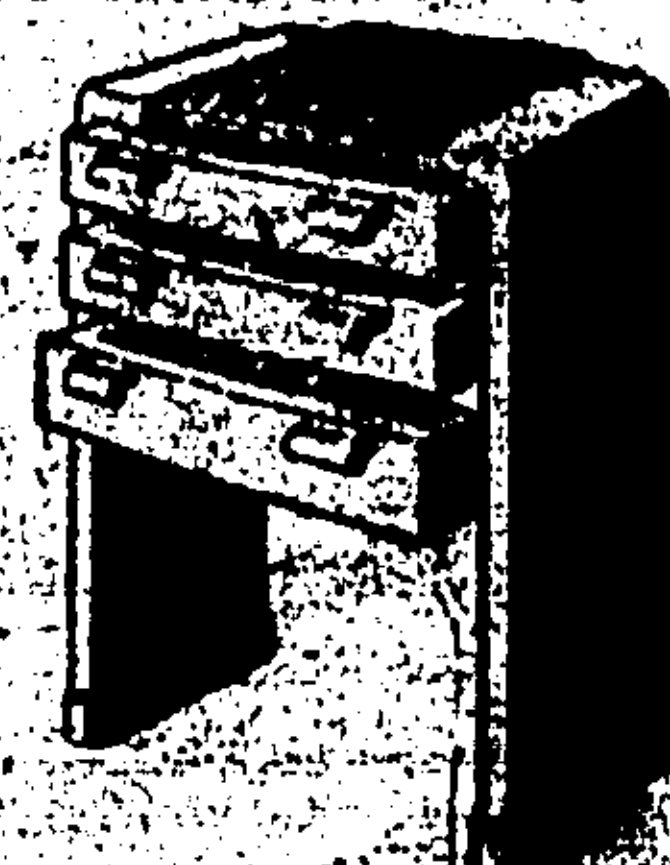
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By MARY BLAKE

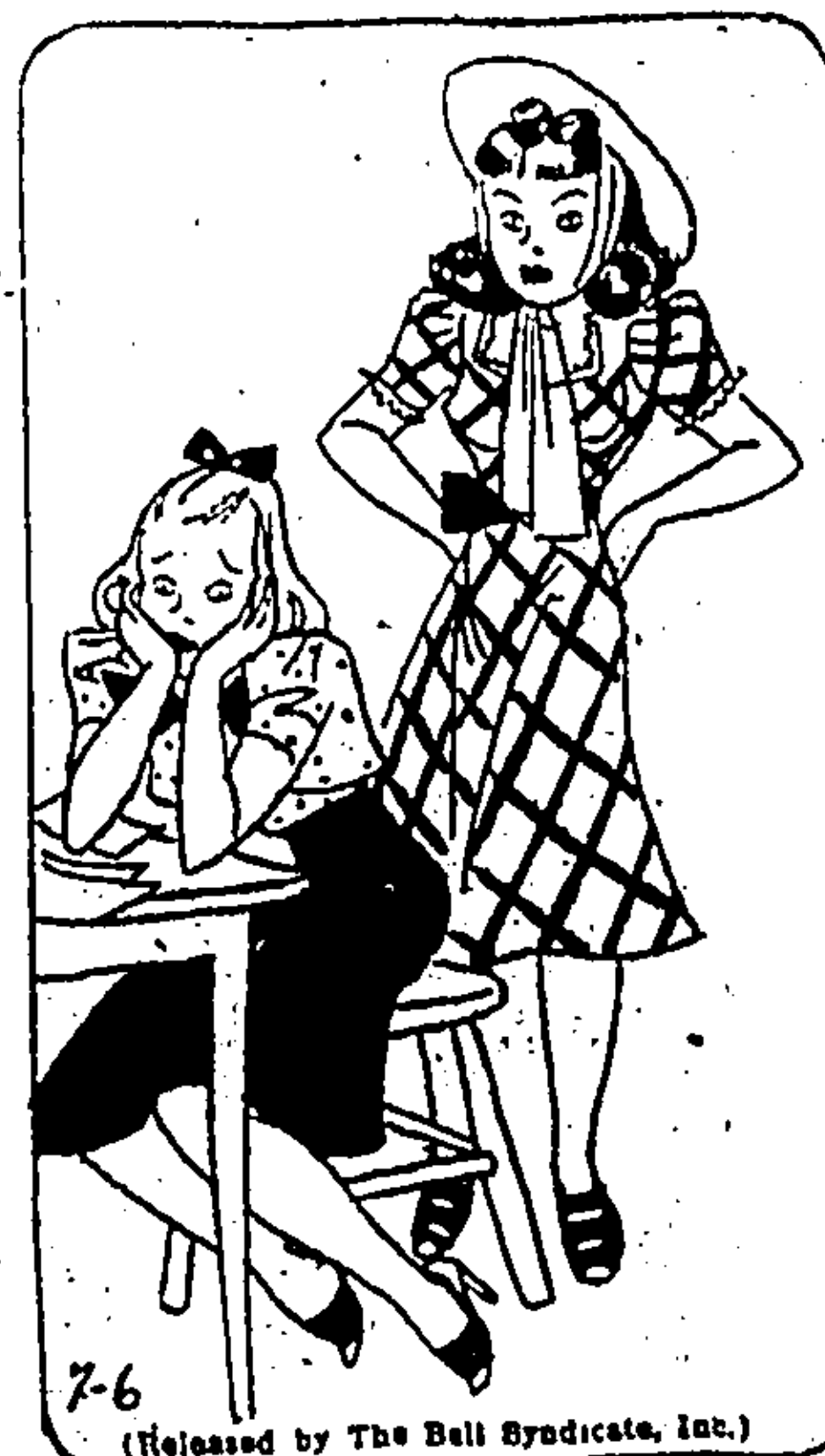
Ungoverned impulses will get many people into trouble this day, unless they are of an inspirational nature. Avoid being too impulsive in offering to do favours, for this will probably be another way to get yourself into hot water. Businessmen and salesmen cannot afford to relax in their efforts to get results, for competition is apt to be unduly keen. This is an auspicious day for partners, department heads or sales managers to meet for the purpose of interchanging ideas, formulating plans, and discussing future policies. This day it might be advisable to toot your own horn loud enough to attract attention, otherwise your work might not be appreciated. Don't voluntarily assume too much responsibility, for instead of receiving thanks you are likely to be criticized. Married and engaged couples, as well as those discussing the possibilities of becoming affianced, must be careful about making wild statements without verification, if they wish to keep out of trouble.

If a woman and August 5 is your birthday, you may be somewhat of an idealist. Try not to be visionary regarding business prospects, and make every endeavour to consider any business proposition from a practical rather than an optimistic angle. You should be a very entertaining companion, have a well-developed sense of humour and be witty and kind. You may be a bit too unconventional to meet with the complete approval of some of your relatives. Your versatility should be one of your greatest assets and might lead to your doing several things exceedingly well. You probably have more than your share of courage, and, perhaps, express yourself too vigorously if

angered. As a sculptor, dramatist, author, singer, sales agent or actress, your way to fame is apt to be comparatively easy. Your greatest happiness and social triumphs are likely to originate in marriage.

The child born on August 5, usually has many sterling qualities. Ambition will carry it far in life. Wealth and happiness which are blessings, possibly will make this youngster's mature years well worth living.

Witty Kitty



Housekeeping Hannah says she can't understand why when she's steeped in home economics she can't keep within her household budget.

The Amazing New

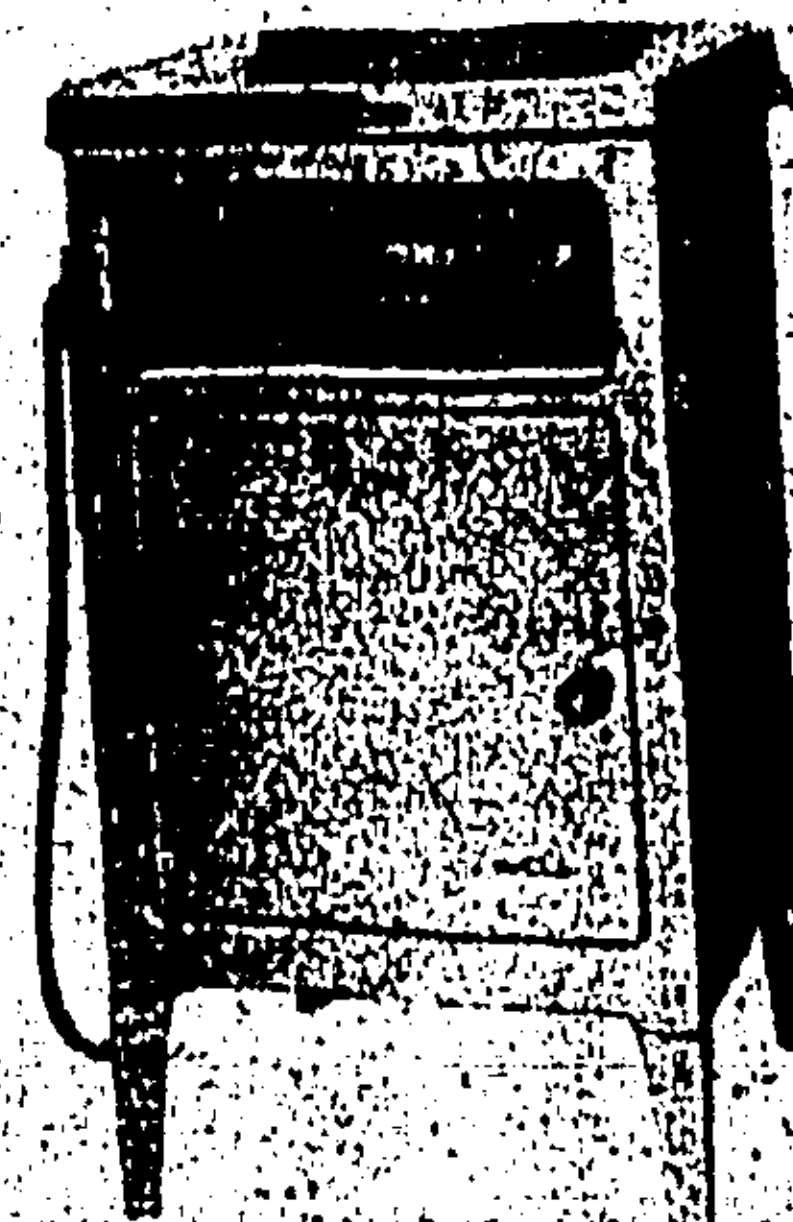
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CHATTER ABOUT FILMS AND FILM STARS

By LEDO

'KING OF UNDERWORLD' BRINGS STAR RATING TO HUMPHREY BOGART

In his first starring role since making his mark in Hollywood felt as a featured player in "Angels With Dirty Faces," "The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse," and "Crime School," Humphrey Bogart, film-dom's ace gangster, will star in "King of the Underworld," which comes Sunday to the Oriental Theatre.

A Warner Bros. picture and featuring Kay Francis as a surgeon, the case includes James Stephenson, John Eldredge, Jessie Busley, Arthur Aylesworth, John Ridgely, Harland Tucker and Charley Foy, and was directed by Lewis Seiler. The picture marks Humphrey Bogart's rise to starring ranks—a fact welcomed by his fans.

CRIME AND HUMOUR

Although "King of the Underworld" is a crime picture, it is not without its humorous twist. The capable Bogart, possessing a Napoleonic complex, really thinks he is the king of Crime—so much so, that he kidnaps a young novelist, Stephenson, and commands him to write a biography, glorifying the exploits and achievements of "Red" Gurney, which is Bogart's character name.

Red Gurney's philosophy of life, his inordinate vanity and his dicta-

torial treatment of his underlings are said to be highly amusing.

But he fails to take into account the surgeon's feminine ingenuity and her complete knowledge of drugs which eventually proves disastrous to the gang chief.

The story, by W. R. Burnett, who wrote the famed "Little Caesar," which starred Edward G. Robinson a few years ago, was adapted for the screen by George Bricker and Vincent Sherman.

"THE THREE MUSKETEERS" OPENS SUNDAY AT THE KING'S

With batteries of unknown collaborators, Alexandre Dumas pere ground out historical yarns in mass production. He was a veritable romance foundry, and his best known novel, "The Three Musketeers," has had many productions on the stage and some in the films, but none as weird as this version, in which those zanies, the Ritz Brothers, steal the picture hats, the velvet pants, and the swords of Athos, Porthos, and Aramis and personally assist D'Artagnan (none other than Don Ameche) in outwitting Richelieu for queen and country.

Ameche's swashbuckling D'Artagnan is his first film role since his appendectomy in Holland last summer. Ameche sings three romantic ballads, one on horseback, makes fervid love to a newcomer, Pauline Moore, who is the Constance of this 1939 Dumas.

MOPSY by GLADYS PARKER



HOLLYWOOD LOWDOWN

Charlie Ruggles and Lionel Atwill have been added to the cast of "Balalaika," new starring picture for Nelson Eddy and Llona Massey in the feminine lead.

Nancy Kelly will be co-starred with Randolph Scott in "Frontier Marshall," it is announced by Darryl Zanuck 20th Century Fox production chief.

Work has begun on Metro's "The Return of the Thin Man" starring the popular team of Bill Powell and Myrna Loy.

George Brent has been assigned the leading male role opposite Bette Davis in "All This And Heaven Too" an adaptation of the best-selling novel by Rachel Field. The picture will be produced by Warner Bros.

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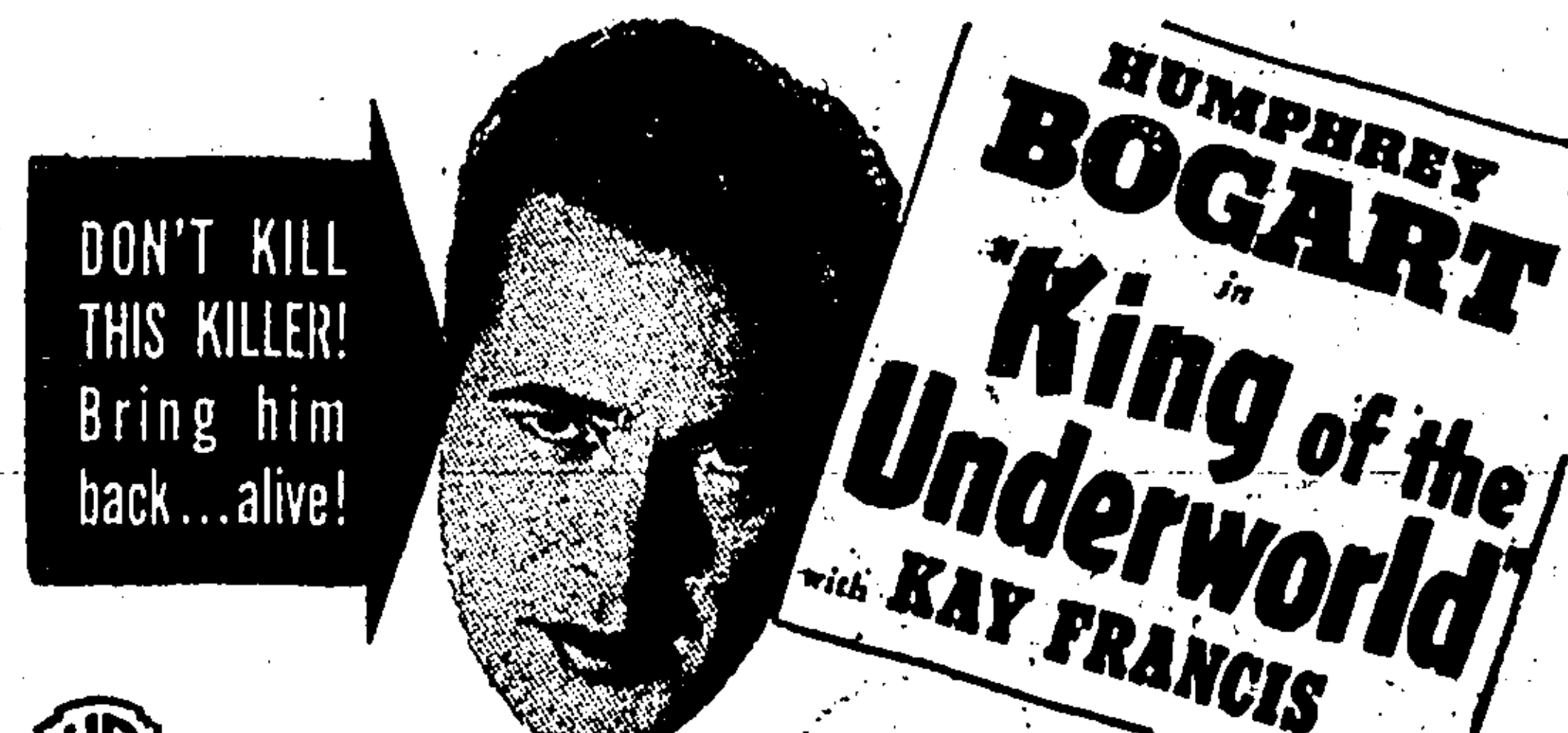
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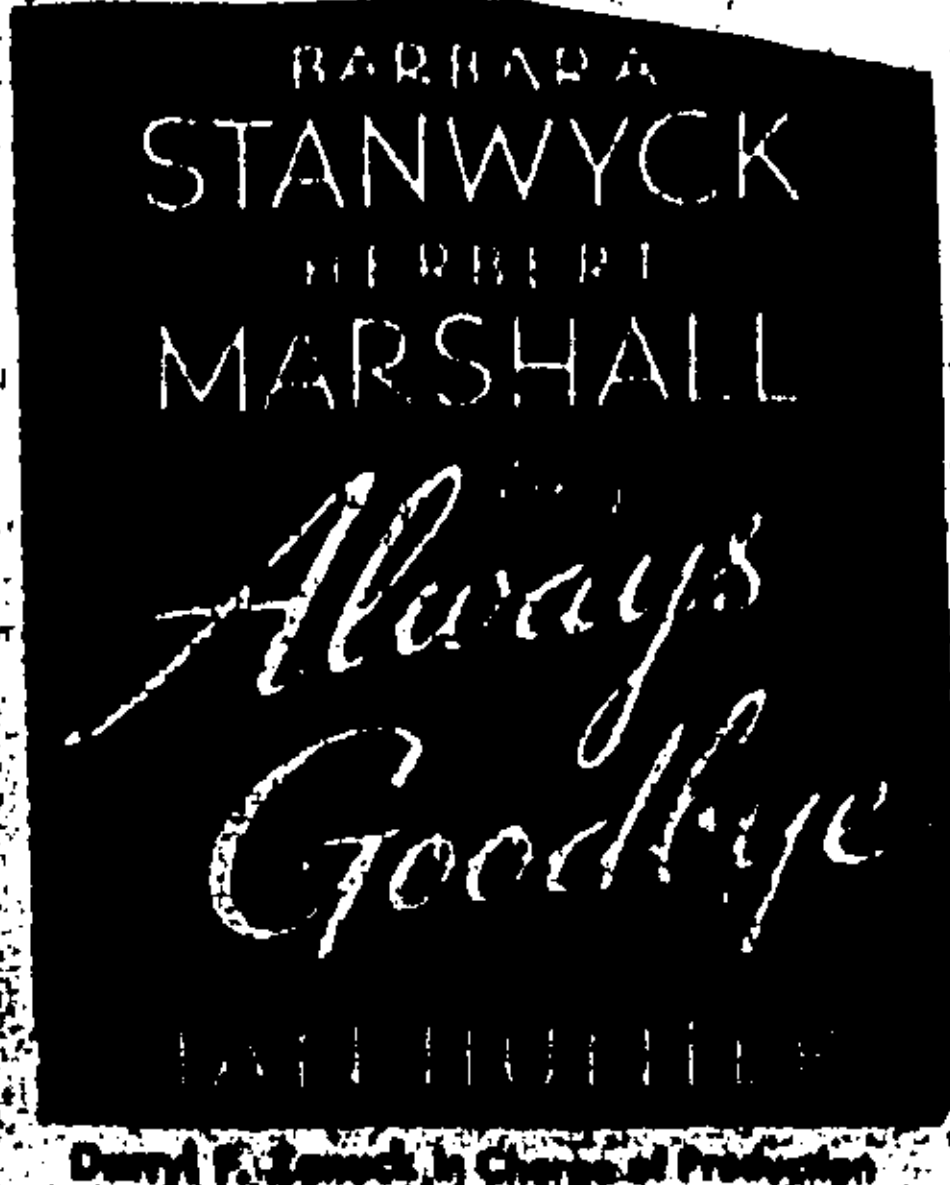
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World's Aid To Jewish Refugees

London, To-day.

Lord Winterton, for the Government, stated in the House of Commons yesterday that considerable progress had been made by the London inter-governmental committee on refugees.

Progress had been made especially during the last few months, and the number of refugees who had left Germany since the Evian committee was formed a year ago was 150,000—a figure which he regarded as satisfactory.

The United States annually took a quota of 27,000 refugees, while the actual intake was larger because of the number of temporary tourists allowed to remain.

Probably the total number in the United States was 40,000.

There were 40,000 German refugees in Britain at the present time, and he thought that was sufficient answer to the charge that the British Government was doing nothing.

EMPIRE AID

The British Colonial Empire, excluding Palestine and Trans-Jordan, had absorbed 1,700 persons in the six months ended March 31 last.

Australia was taking 5,000 a year for three years and Brazil 11,000. The latter country was prepared to take up to 8,000 more.

Referring to the schemes for large-scale settlement, Lord Winterton said that the British Guiana scheme would begin this autumn.

San Domingo appeared to offer wide opportunities.

A report from the Philippines had not yet reached Britain, but it was said to be very favourable.

WORST HARM

There was some scope for settlement in Northern Rhodesia, and other opportunities for large scale settlement were being pursued.

Steps had already been taken in Germany to regulate and in some respects to ameliorate the condition of German Jews there.

Lord Winterton said the worst harm anyone could do the refugee movement was to encourage the illicit entry of refugees into any country, including Palestine.

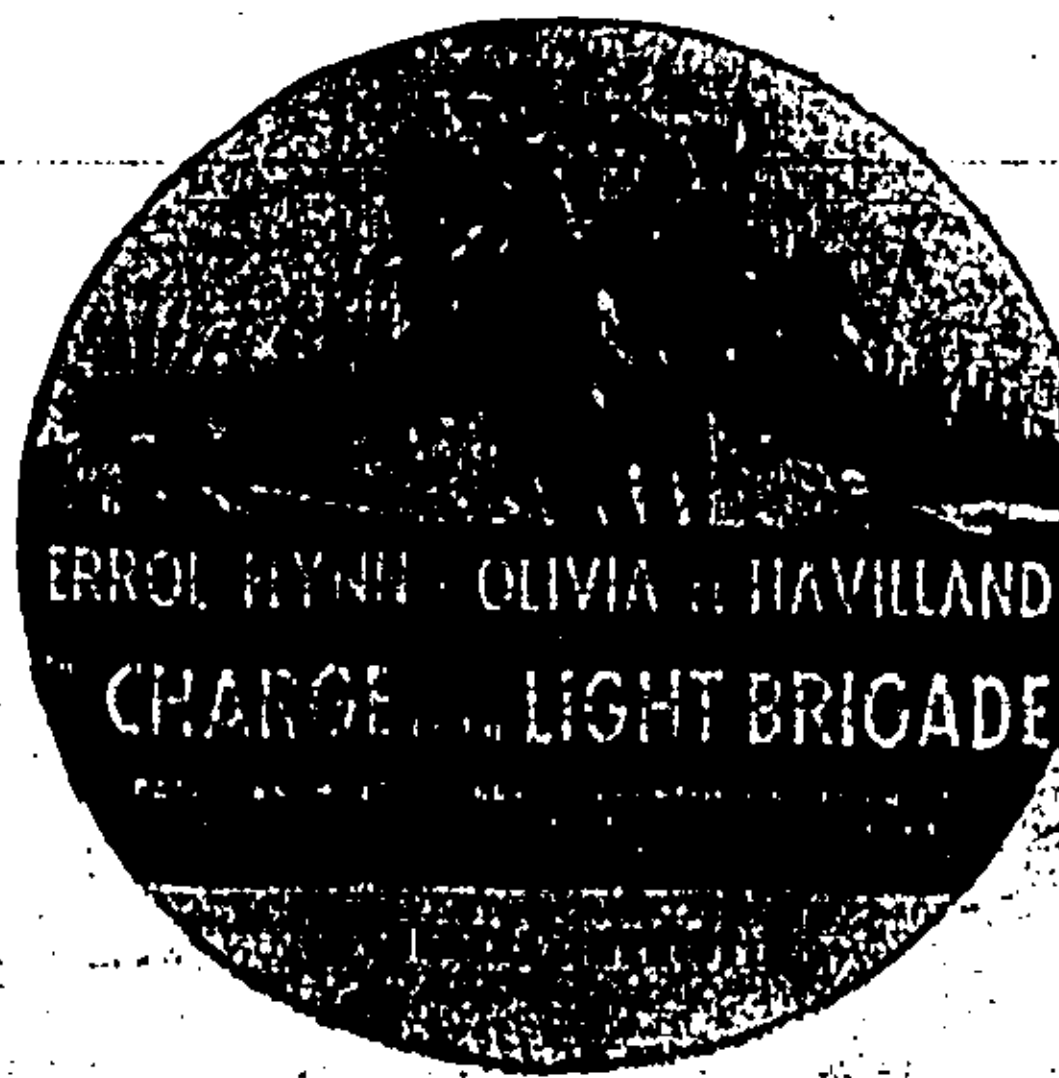
A great deal of harm had been caused in Belgium and the Netherlands, and the French and Swiss had also suffered from this illicit immigration.

Lord Winterton's address concluded the debate on foreign affairs, and the House adjourned for the Summer Recess, which will last until October 3, unless developments justify a recall.—Reuter.

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MOBILE M.G. UNIT ACCIDENT

A slight accident occurred near Kai Tak yesterday evening during an instruction parade of the Mobile Machine-gun Company.

Private Mills, during the course of the parade, ran into a standard and suffered slight abrasions, at the same time slightly damaging his machine.

Reports that he and Private Volgin were badly injured were denied this morning; Volgin, it was stated, was not injured at all, while Mills would be able to attend the week-end practices. His machine is quite easily repairable.

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Don (d'Artagnan) Ameche takes time out from adventurous thrills—and the Ritz Brothers—to pursue his romance with Pauline Moore while Binnie Barnes looks on, in 20th Century-Fox's musical comedy version of Alexandre Dumas' "The Three Musketeers," coming to the King's Theatre to-morrow.

GANGSTERS BEGIN NEW TERROR IN SHOOTING DOWN STATE WITNESSES

New York, July 28.

A car drew close to the curb, slowed up for a few moments, revolver shots barked through the din of traffic. A pedestrian fell to the pavement, riddled with bullets. The car picked up speed, dodged among other cars and was lost in the heavy traffic.

New York police authorities last night were busy investigating this street murder, which occurred earlier in the day, the latest of a series of eight such killings. The series began some six months ago, when the New York District Attorney, Mr. Thomas A. Dewey, began his new purge of New York's gangsterland.

Threatened gunmen carry out the murders, shooting down persons who are potential witnesses against them or who were former accomplices in crime but are now turning State evidence.

In six months, the State lost seven witnesses through murder. Yesterday, the eighth victim was in

innocent pedestrian, who was mowed down by a hail of bullets when mistaken for a witness.

The authorities are clamping down with precautionary measures to safeguard their witnesses. The witness for whom yesterday's victim was taken by error, is now guarded by three detectives.

Believed to be responsible for these outrages is a gang-leader known under the name of Lepke. He is the object of an intensive search by the police, who have spread a wide network to catch him.

Lepke is sought by the authorities for two years now, and the G-Men have been called in to help in the search for the bold gangster and his band of killers. Their methods are reminiscent of the tactics employed by Al Capone, former Chicago gangland chief, in his heyday, when he used to dispose of unwanted persons by street executions.—Havas.

SAMOYEDS ADMITTED TO RUSSIAN ARMY

Moscow, July 30.

This year for the first time Samoyeds, Mongol people living in Northern Siberia, will be admitted into the Soviet army. Two young Samoyed conscripts will even be sent to the Leningrad Military Academy to become officers.

A number of youthful Samoyeds, it is said, animated with a deep spirit of patriotism, have asked to be allowed to serve the country.

Since the past year, the Soviet Government has increased the proportion of non-pure Russians in the army, considering that the education of these elements has been sufficiently advanced and their cultural level sufficiently elevated to permit their incorporation into the army.—Havas.

ANGLO-SOVIET TRADE TALKS EXPECTED

London, July 30.

Anglo-Soviet commercial parleys will be launched immediately upon conclusion of the long-negotiated tripartite mutual aid pact and preliminary steps may be taken during the impending Moscow military parleys, when the problem of supplying Poland and Rumania during wartime will also be discussed.

Mr. R. S. Hudson, Under-Secretary in the Overseas Trade Department, has already expressed British desire to replace the existent Anglo-Soviet trade treaty with a new one.

British exporters claim that the present accord favours Soviet Russia more than it does Britain. The intransigence of the Soviet political negotiators, however, has roused fears in commercial quarters here that few advantages could be extracted from Moscow. Some circles even stated that it would be better to retain the present accord and not seek a new one.—Havas.



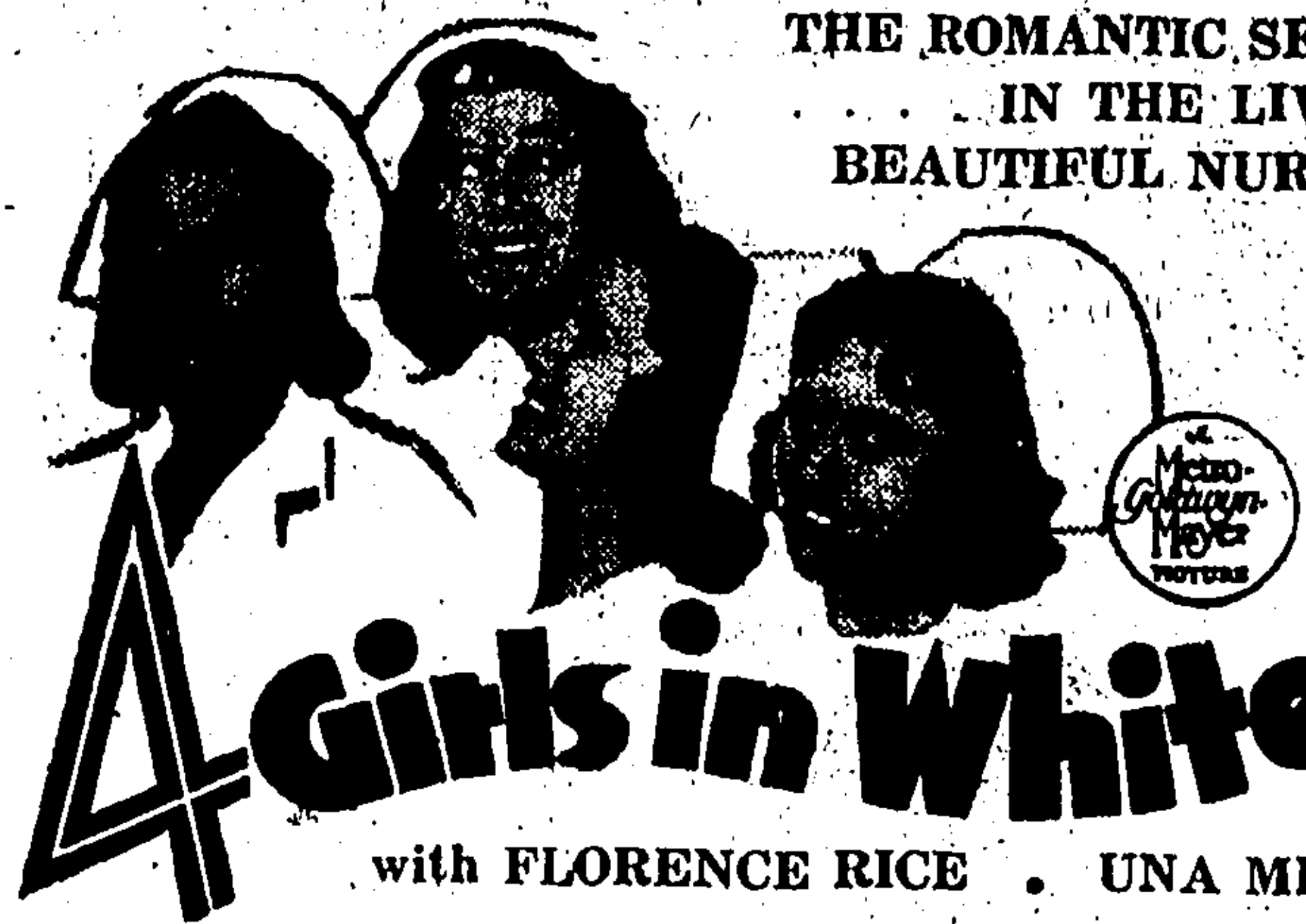
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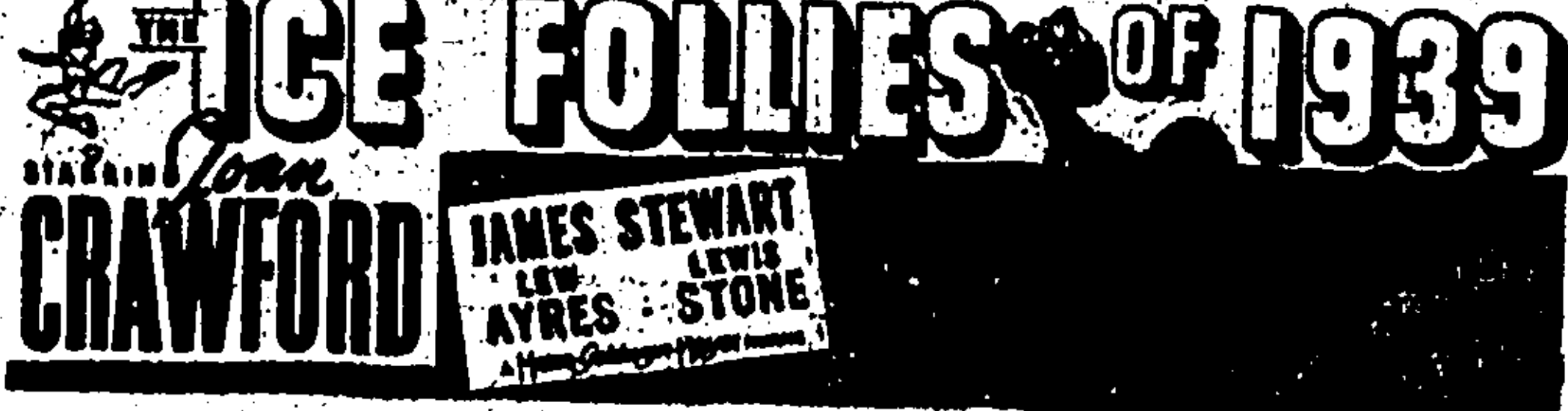


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GUNFIRE AT POOTUNG

Shanghai, To-day.
 Early yesterday morning gun fire was heard from the direction of Pootung. Later it was learned that Japanese gunboats had been firing on guerillas who have apparently massed in the neighbourhood.

Meanwhile, British, French, and the Japanese authorities are taking precautions against possible "incidents" planned for August 18. — Our Own Correspondent.

NATIONAL UNION IN GREECE

Athens, To-day.
 General Metaxas, the Premier, on the occasion of the third anniversary of his regime in Greece, yesterday addressed a message to the nation stressing the pacification achieved under the new regime.

Henceforth, said the message, nothing could destroy national union, and any attempt to sow the seeds of dissension among the

SERIOUS ANTI-BRITISH RIOT IN BELGIAN CONCESSION AT TIENTSIN

Shanghai, To-day.

A serious anti-British riot occurred in the former Belgian Concession in Tientsin yesterday. About 200 Chinese suddenly attacked the staff quarters and offices of the International Export Company, one of the biggest British firms in Tientsin.

The staff took refuge in the Texas Oil Company's installation nearby, and when they returned later found the office furniture smashed, the windows broken, the dining room wrecked and sauce sprinkled on the walls and ceiling.

Anti-British elements in the Japanese-occupied town of Kaifeng, in northern Honan, are now threatening the lives and property of Americans, according to a message from Hankow.

Reliable reports received in Hankow state that Americans in Kaifeng will probably be forced to leave the town.

The reports add that the United States authorities have made strong representations to the Japanese on the subject.—Reuter.

WARNING TO BRITISH RESIDENTS

"Unless British residents realise that their obligations under the Registration Of Persons Ordinance and the Compulsory Service Ordinance are to be taken seriously, some of them may find themselves paying out heavy fines," said a high police official to the "China Mail" this morning.

The statement was made in connection with the revelation that there have been a number of defaulters in the early lists of those required to attend for medical examination.

In one or two instances (ship's officers away from the Colony or something of that kind) the explanation is officially acceptable, but a warning is given that "Did not have time" will positively not do. The order to attend is to be regarded as an order, not as an invitation.

It is understood that a summons has been issued in at least one instance.

OTHER SHORTCOMINGS

Despite of orders to attend for medical examination has revealed other shortcomings. It is required that British residents notify the authorities of all changes of address. Prosecution is intended where it is discovered that this has not been done.

If strict compliance with the Ordinance is not insisted upon, it is pointed out, the Register might soon get out of date, and its purpose defeated.

FRENCH MISSION FOR MOSCOW IN LONDON

London, To-day.

The French military mission which is going to Moscow with the British mission for General Staff talks, arrived in London yesterday afternoon.

The mission is headed by General Doumenc, member of the Supreme War Council, and its other members are General Valin (Air Force), Commander Villeneuve, Capt. Sovieche and Capt. Armand.

The Soviet Ambassador in Paris saw the mission off.

The French and British missions will have as their first aim the obtaining of a clear idea of the state of preparedness of the Soviet armed forces and of railway and road conditions.

The two missions, which sail in the "City of Exeter" to-day, will arrive in Leningrad on Wednesday.

INSPECTION TOUR

As the missions will inspect military centres and arms factories, the military negotiations may not open for a week after their arrival.

The British delegation consists of 19 members. Besides the three chief delegates of the Navy, Army and R.A.F., two naval officers, three army officers, two R.A.F. officers and nine orderlies will go to Moscow. — Trans-Ocean.

Greeks would be crushed. It was not sufficient for the nation to possess military strength but they must also be strong. — Trans-Ocean.

SENATE RESTORES ECONOMY CUT

Washington, To-day.

The Senate has adopted an amendment restoring the Commodity Credit Corporation vote of \$119,000,000, which was cut from President Roosevelt's Deficiency Bill by the House of Representatives on Thursday.

The amendment states that without the sum it was doubtful whether maize and cotton loans could be made.—Reuter.

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Wednesday Group

EVERY one was agreeable when Charlie Campbell suggested that we invite Jim and Julie Redlich to join our Wednesday night dinner gatherings. We had adopted the practice three years ago. Three couples of us. We'd take turns on Wednesday nights having the other two couples in to dinner. It was fun. At least it was fun at first. Then we got to know each other so well that we began to make familiar remarks to each other which weren't conducive to harmony. More likely than not our friendly discussions would become bouts of sarcastic implications concerning present personalities.

Jim and Julie had been married only a couple of years. They were a young and eager couple. Their youth and freshness and naivete amused us no end. Frequently we, being older and more experienced, had fun by making remarks among ourselves which we understood but which went over their heads. It gave us a sense of superiority.

Jim and Julie were good-natured about it all. They attended three of

our dinners, then entertained us at their apartment. Right after the dinner they told us that, as much as they hated to do so, they were resigning from the group.

"We're moving," Julie smiled. "I'm afraid you wouldn't enjoy coming to our new quarters."

We all felt relieved. At first we had been indignant because it had occurred to us that it was our company they didn't like.

"My goodness!" Bess Campbell exclaimed. "Stop worrying. We're not high-hat. Where are you moving?"

"Wharf street," Julie said.

Bess shut-up. Wharf street was the cheapest, dirtiest section of the city. You could hire a couple of rooms down there for ten dollars a month.

We couldn't understand it. Jim worked for an advertising firm, apparently made a good salary. He and Julie were the subjects of our conversation for a month afterward. We advanced all sorts of ideas, but curiously enough none of them seemed adequate.

January came and Jim took two of the three weeks vacation his firm allotted. He and Julie went down to Florida on a de luxe liner. They remained there two days, then took a plane and flew back to northern New Hampshire, where they attended a winter sports carnival. Then they flew back to Florida and returned home on an extra-fare special train.

"Well, can you beat that!" Joe Brooks exclaimed at our regular meeting. "It must have cost them a thousand dollars! Think of it! Why; they could go up to Bennett's next summer and live the life of Riley for two months for that amount. Bennett's was the beach resort hotel where we all went for two weeks each summer."

Dave Miller said vaguely, "It must have been swell, though. I mean, swimming in the ocean one day. Skiing the next. Then flying back to a hot climate."

We all whooped and Dave grinned in embarrassment. "I guess," he said, "it was lucky they dropped out of our group. We'd all be crazy."

One day in March I met Jim on the street. He looked young and healthy and eager. He told me he and Julie were flying down to the equator in April, then coming back to Maine for a few days. I stared at him.

By Stanley Cordell

fall; then we reunited. Charlie and Bess had both married again and they brought their spouses into the group. Sam went on W.P.A. and our gatherings fell once more into the old routine. For awhile we were bright and cheerful, but presently the conversations became monopolized by crabblings and sarcastic remarks.

That was the year Jim was promoted to advertising manager of his firm at \$15,000 a year salary. The day afterward he and Julie moved back to Wharf street. Three months later they took a trip around the world, crossing to France by de luxe liner, touring England on bicycles, motoring about France, flying to Africa, hiking around China. Returning, they rented a farm in the country and worked it at a profit. Then, in the dead of winter, they went to Alaska and flew from Alaska down to Honolulu. Jim kept writing his advertising copy and mailing it in, and the firm made no complaints.

"They're nuts!" Charlie exclaimed. "They can't keep it up!"

Sam said, "Wouldn't surprise me any if Jim was fired."

Joe grunted, "Before they know it they won't have any place left to go. Then what?"

Bess remarked, "It must be terrible to be like that. Poor kids."

So we all agreed that Jim and Julie needed our patronage and pity, and fell to crabbling and making sarcastic remarks at each other.

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WILL JAPAN THROW IN LOT WITH AXIS POWERS?

Possibly Attempt By Extremists to Force Issue

Lake Como Conference May Mean Nothing

Rome, To-day.

Fascist circles profess to regard Japan's full adherence to the Italo-German alliance as virtually an accomplished fact following the conference of Japanese Ambassadors and military attaches at Como.

The Japanese envoys are leaving Como on Sunday. It is believed that the aim of the meeting was to discuss the eventual adherence of Japan to the Italo-German military and political pact.

The meeting is held in Fascist circles to be conclusive, having regard to the fact that the Japanese Ambassador in Rome, accompanied by Col. Karakawa, the military and air attache, and a number of other officials, recently went to Berlin to confer with his colleague on the subject of reinforcing the Anti-Comintern Pact, participation of Japan in the alliance having been decided in principle some time ago.

It is considered too early yet to give any exact indications of the date for conclusion of the agreement and its terms, in view of the silence being maintained in official circles.

NO COMMENT

The newspapers only give moderate prominence to the meeting and still abstain from comment at this stage.

The Japanese Ambassador in Berlin, in an interview with the "Asahi Shimbun" correspondent, stated that a full report of the conference had been sent to Tokyo, where responsible circles would send an immediate reply.

It is not clear whether a further announcement will be made shortly or deferred until after the arrival here of the Japanese military mission on August 26, whose task may be to discuss problems of collaboration in Rome and Berlin.—Reuter.

IDEAL DIET FOR DIGESTIVE DISTURBANCES

The big problem with sufferers from gastritis or other digestive disturbances is: how to avoid pain and discomfort when eating. The inflamed stomach walls are so sensitive that solid foods can not be retained. Even liquid foods are often vomited.

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"THINKING TWICE?"

London, To-day.

A headline in a London evening newspaper, "Japan may be thinking twice about joining the Axis pact," appears to repress the general public impression here despite reports from Rome that Japan has decided to join the Axis.

Reuter learns that there is no official information that the communique issued by the Japanese Ambassadors after their meeting in Italy represents the view of the Tokyo Government.

Unofficial Japanese circles in London are of opinion that the declaration of the Japanese Ambassadors, who are well known to have always been the strongest advocates of a Japan-Italy-Germany alliance, was meant as an answer to the Anglo-Franco-Soviet Staff talks.

It may also indicate attempts by the extremists to force the Japanese Government's hand.—Reuter.

PREMIER MEETS ITAGAKI

Tokyo, To-day.

The Premier, Baron Hiranuma, yesterday conferred with the War Minister, General Itagaki, on what is described here as "the new European situation."

Leading members of the Cabinet met in the afternoon to discuss China.—Reuter.

TWO ANGLES

London, To-day.

Great importance is attached here to the meeting of the Japanese Ambassadors, which has rendered political circles sceptical concerning the prospects of the Anglo-Japanese talks in Tokyo.

On the other hand, it is expected that should Japan join the Italo-German military alliance this would create a strong impression in Moscow and would tend to induce Moscow to adopt a more conciliatory attitude in the triple alliance negotiations.

American reaction is also awaited with keen interest.

It is believed that such a step by Japan would result in increasing anti-Japanese feeling in the United States, and would prompt Washington to greater activity in the Far East in conjunction with Britain.—Trans-Ocean.

In addition to those announced yesterday, the following pupils of Sacred Heart English School passed the School Leaving Certificate Examination: Tam Wai Kam, Violet Wong and Yeung Chee Hing.

POLISH WARNING TO DANZIG

Warsaw, To-day.

It is understood that a warning is to be sent to the Danzig Senate that opening of the frontier of the Free City to any third power would be regarded by the Polish Government as an extremely grave matter.—Reuter Bulletin.

NO STRIKE ACTION YET CONTEMPLATED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THERE WILL BE NO QUESTION OF STRIKE ACTION BY DRIVERS, FIREMEN AND CLEANERS ON THE RAILWAYS IN THE DISPUTE OVER WAGES AT LEAST UNTIL THURSDAY NEXT WEEK.

The Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen announced yesterday that the executive of the Society would meet the companies separately in London on Thursday to consider the position.

While the executive has not withdrawn the strike threat it is hoped it will still be possible for the Society to avoid drastic action.

The dispute arose when the Society wanted to increase wages to a minimum of 50/- a week, while the companies are offering 45/-.—Reuter Bulletin.

NANKING ORDER

Shanghai, To-day.

The Nanking Reformed Government has issued instructions to all revenue collecting centres within its jurisdiction that taxes and other duties are to be collected in Hua Hsing Bank banknotes.

It is understood that the new regulations are to come into force on August 14.—Our Own Correspondent.

KWEILIN BOMBED

Chungking, To-day.

Fifteen Japanese planes raided Kweilin yesterday afternoon. Extensive damage to buildings resulted but casualties are reported to be comparatively small.—Our Own Correspondent.

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments in the Hong Kong Police Reserve, with effect from the 28th July, 1939:—

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MIRROR OF OPINION

A professional politician who is out of office is like a jockey without a mount. It is only human nature that he should want to get back into the saddle. But he should be frank about his motives; he should not seek to cloak them under any highfalutin pretence, especially if his talent for making a nuisance of himself is at least as great as his ability to render useful service.

Apropos, it is worthy of mention what another famous politician said of Mr. Churchill years ago: "Winston is an uncomfortable bedfellow in politics. First of all, he tries to kick you out of bed. If he fails at that, he tries to pinch all the clothes."—"Truth."

Whatever the final result of the "We want Churchill" campaign among the Government supporters, the immediate effect has been one of curious disintegration. Within the last fortnight the really strange sight has been witnessed over and over again of Conservative M.P.s sitting obstinately on the Terrace or in the Smoking Room, resisting the urgent pleading of Whips with "What's the use of voting for the Government anyway?"

Such a situation is only comparable with the politics of 1905, when the Tory rule was dragging to its discredited close after the South-African War—"Time and Tide."

There are many questions on which opinion may legitimately differ—whether Mr. Chamberlain is the only conceivable Prime Minister, what the possible alternatives are, whether it would be to the national advantage to broaden the basis of the Cabinet. There are a dozen points in the fields of national and international policy regarding which criticism is both proper and salutary—A.R.P., the restriction of armaments profits, food storage, the Ministry of Supply, a Ministry of Information—but none of these call for a concentration of personal attack on the Premier or any other individual Minister.—"The Spectator."

It was, as all the world remembers, under the threat of the panons of the American commander Perry in 1854 that Japan was forced to adopt European armaments, which she originally wished to avoid. The instructors, officers, armament manufactur-

ers engaged in frantic competition to furnish Japan with the means with which to fight us.

After 1919, the white races continued their self-betrayal, and technicians of all nationalities hurried to Tokyo to furnish the Japanese general staff with the most recent creations in the art of destructions. To-day, in spite of the official disapproval of some governments, it is entirely due to European inventions that Japan is able to invade China with success.—"The Fortnightly."

According to certain reports, Hitler will make a great effort—in the case of Polish resistance to the "settlement" of the Danzig and the Corridor questions—to smash Poland completely within three weeks.

Hitler then intends to make the Western Powers an offer of a 50 years' peace pact, in return for the Polish districts of Danzig, the Corridor, and parts of Posen and Upper Silesia, and the "peaceful" settlement of German and Italian claims in Africa.

If these hopes of Hitler are fulfilled he will be master in Europe and a "rounding off" in Africa will be a certain consequence.—"New Statesman and Nation."

In March, Hitler suddenly demanded a revision of the status of Danzig and the Polish Corridor, and shortly after repudiated his non-aggression treaty with Poland. And why? Seemingly because, after the destruction of Czechoslovakia, Hitler believes it possible to apply the same process of pressure to Poland.

The question is: Can he be brought to see that he cannot carry out this next item on his agenda without putting Germany at war with the world? The official German comment on the Premier's Danzig statement is that it only tells Germans what they already know. Does this mean that at last they do understand?—"Economist."

Official German policy is carrying on the tradition of the wartime General Staff. But there are clear indications that Hitler's latest moves have left German opinion bewildered and alarmed.

The fact does not surprise me. I can recall dozens of conversations in which Germans, in reply to inquiries about the extent of Hitler's ambitions, have assured me with obvious sincerity that the present Government had no intention of incorporating non-Germans in the Reich. They believed such a step to be contrary to the whole philosophy of National Socialism. Small wonder that recent events have left them all at sea.—"H. P. S. Matthews in 'Headway'."

All over the Continent of Europe millions of men are standing to arms. By day they stare across forests of barbed wire which divide the frontiers and through which not even a cat could crawl without detection. Sentries are posted in camouflaged trenches, tunnels and bastions, scanning the earth and searching the sky for an unheralded enemy who might be the precursor of a modern totalitarian war. A fantastic ritual no doubt, but one in which Great Britain has now become a leading performer. The miraculous master of our Air Defence units has guaranteed the country against surprise.—"Defence."

GOERING MAY VISIT LONDON

LONDON, JULY 30.

WITH AN EYE TO RESUMPTION OF ANGLO-GERMAN ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS, REICHSFUEHRER ADOLF HITLER AND BARON KEMSLEY, BRITISH PRESS LORD, ON THURSDAY DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING FIELDMARSHAL HERMANN GOERING, REICH'S AIR MINISTER AND FOUR-YEAR PLAN DIRECTOR, VISIT LONDON BEFORE DECEMBER, CONSERVATIVE QUARTERS SAID TO-DAY.

Baron Kemsley, proprietor of the "Sunday Times" and "Daily Sketch," conferred with the Fuehrer at Bayreuth, Bavarian town, during the visit that he paid Germany in acceptance of a special invitation from Dr. Otto Dietrich, head of the German Press Bureau.

Fieldmarshal Goering's visit would, if made, serve to resume economic discussions held here by Mr. Helmuth Wohltat, Reich's economic expert who recently visited London, and Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary for Overseas Trade. The possibility is wholly dependent on the international situation, Conservative quarters continued.

IMPOSSIBLE NOW

Only if the political situation were eased would the German Air Minister and Four-Year plan Commissioner be able to make the trip to British. Of importance, therefore, was the development of the German-Polish relationship they said Herr Hitler and Baron Kemsley are understood to have agreed that Fieldmarshal Goering's visit would be "impossible," under present circumstances.

Baron Kemsley returned this evening from Bayreuth, together with Lady Kemsley, who accompanied him on his trip to the Reich.

Although it was stated when he departed from London that he was on a secret mission for the British Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the official reason was that he wished to discuss exchanges of political articles between German newspapers and the "Sunday Times" and Daily Sketch.—Havas.

CARTOON EXHIBITION

An interesting collection of war-time cartoons and caricatures has been opened on the 1st floor of the Hong Kong Hotel under the auspices of the Chinese Cartoonists Association. The exhibition will remain open until 6 p.m. to-morrow.

The cartoons and wood-blocks all reflect the spirit of China struggling against her aggressor, and although some are (deliberately) crudely drawn they generate strong feelings in the mind of the beholder.

One in particular, a modernist creation based on the theme "Stop Japan," with its border of Soviet-French-British-American flags, would make an extraordinarily effective poster for campaigns in Europe and America.

CZECHS CLAMOUR FOR "MUNICH POWERS' PROTECTORATE"

Vigorous Opposition To Germanisation Of Czechia

Prague, July 30.

A revolutionary scheme to remove Bohemia and Moravia from under Herr Hitler's rule and place it under a "Munich Protectorate" to be exercised by Britain, France, Italy and Germany, is finding increasing support in Czech quarters throughout the four-months-old Reich's Protectorate. Tension between the Czechs and Germans in Bohemia and Moravia is constantly growing. Germans themselves admit the difficulties they are encountering in administering this land, whose people are rabidly patriotic and generally hostile to the Reich's dominion.

All decisions taken by the German authorities are considered by the Czechs to be contrary to their rights of national autonomy. A National Solidarity Party was originally destined to bring about rapprochement between the two peoples in the new Protectorate. It proved a failure. Then efforts were made to create a Committee for Czecho-German Entente. These efforts, too, proved futile. Many questions seem incapable of solution.

Thus, the Reich believes is necessary to keep Sudeten officials in office in Bohemia and Moravia because they are the only Germans who know the country and the language. The Czechs are rebelling because they allege these officials to be taking advantage of their position to obtain personal vengeance for ills they claim to have suffered while under Czech rule.

Another source of much resentment was the German authorities' action in introducing bilingualism in the autonomous administrations of the Protectorate. The Germans contended this system was necessary to facilitate communication between the outlying Sudeten-staffed bureaux and the central authorities. The Czechs revolt against what they declare is "the systematic Germanisation" of their country.

CZECH MASSES HAVE ONE HOPE

Among the Czechs, no one, not even those who were pro-Hitler before the Protectorate, now expects relations between the two different peoples in Bohemia and Moravia ever to be normalised.

The masses have only one hope, frequently voiced, and this is that "After the new war, this country will be delivered from German domination and will be re-established as the Czechoslovakia of old."

The whole situation is further complicated by the fact that the rights of the Czechs in the German Protectorate never were defined and therefore there is no standard to which may be compared observance or non-observance of pledges.—Havas.

PILGRIMAGE TO WENCESLAS TOMB

Prague, July 31.

The persistence of the deeply rooted national sentiment among the Czech population was seen yesterday when thirty thousand parti-

cipated in a pious pilgrimage to the tomb of King Wenceslas, Bohemia's patron saint. The ceremony ended with the crowd fervently singing the Czech national anthem, "King Wenceslas."—Havas.

EX-CZECH OFFICERS LEAVE GDYNIA

Warsaw, July 29.

One hundred and fifty officers, N.C.O.'s and soldiers of the former Czechoslovakia Army were among the passengers on board the Polish steamer Chrobry which sailed from Gdynia for South America to-day. The vessel also carried a large number of civilian Czech refugees, who were seen off at the dock by a huge crowd of sympathisers.

Most of the former Czech Army men were in uniform. They will land at Boulogne-sur-Mer when the vessel stops over in that port. The "Chrobry" is carrying 1,400 passengers in all.—Havas.

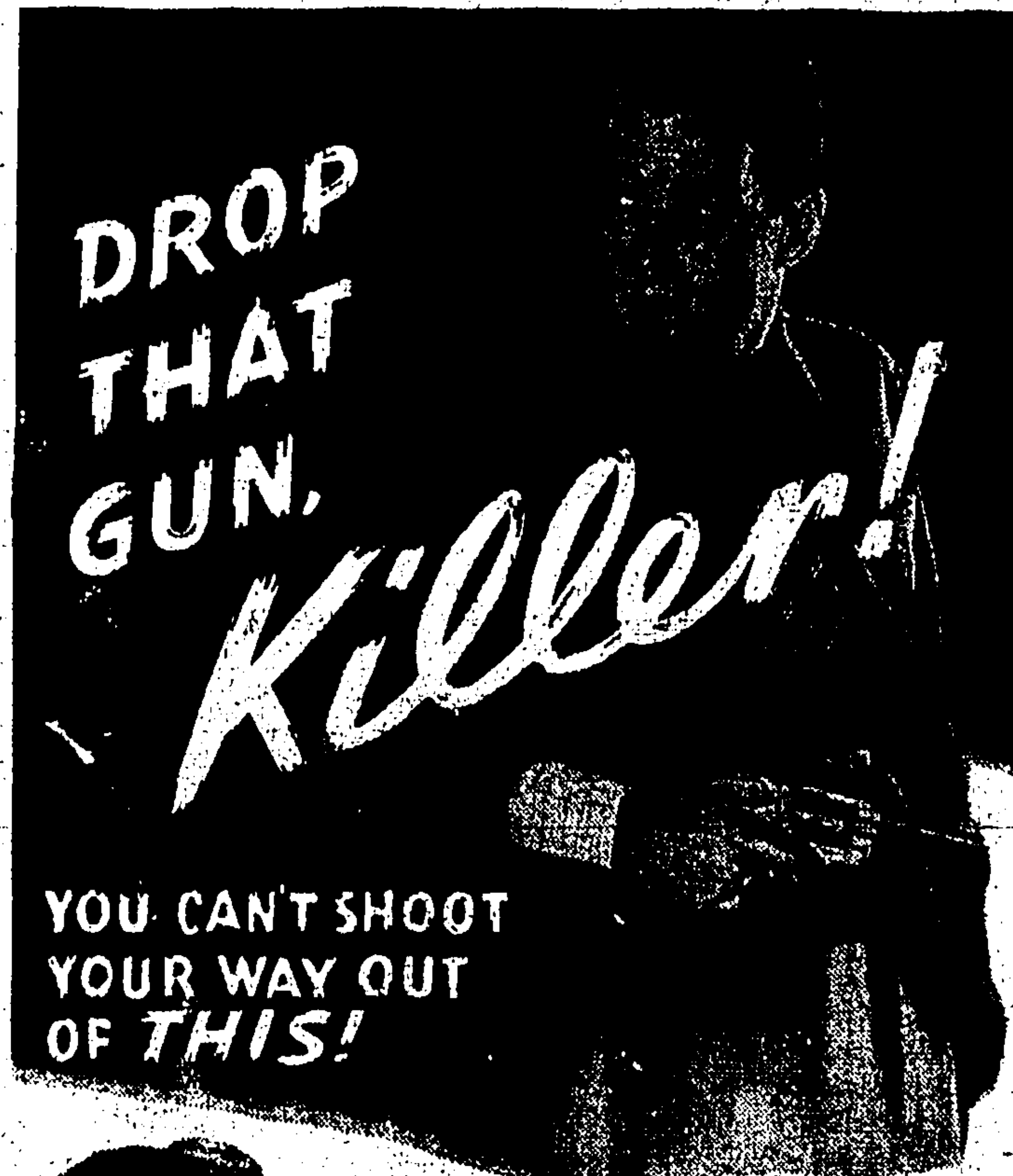
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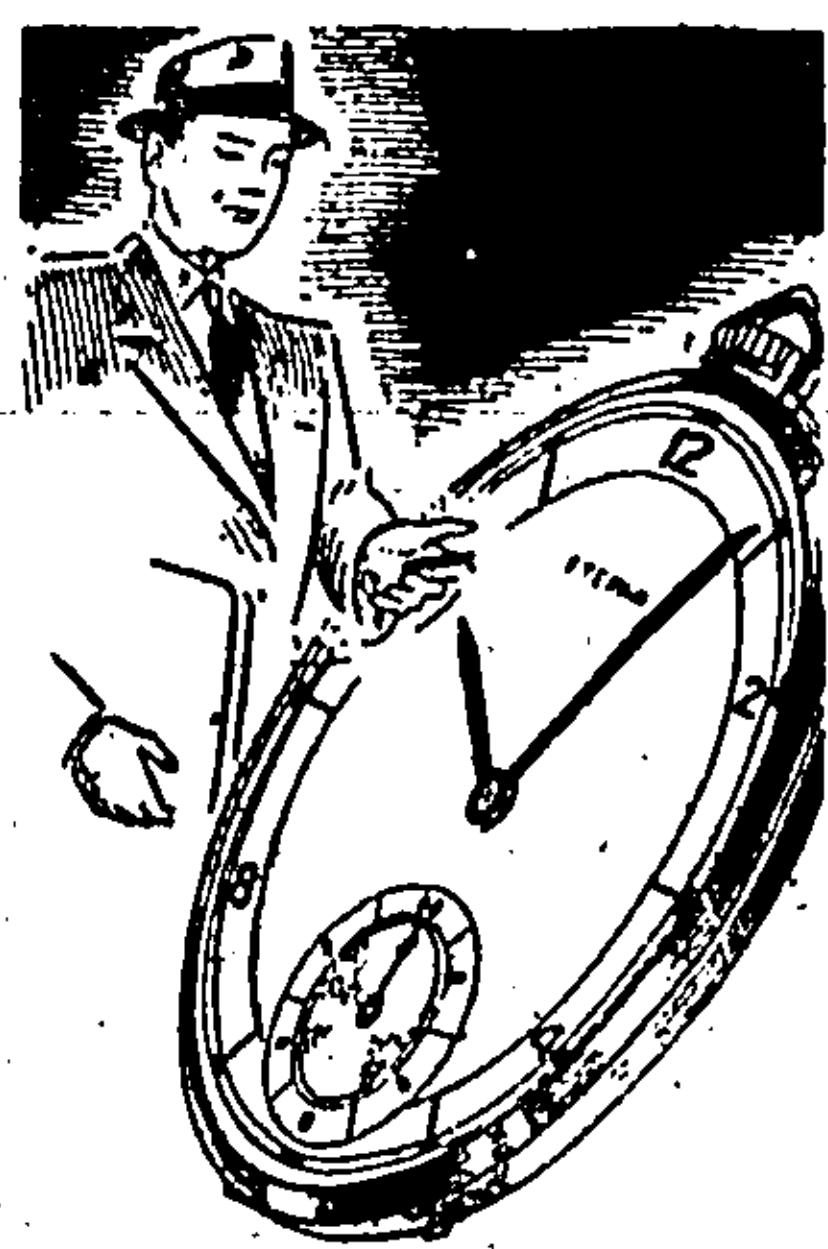
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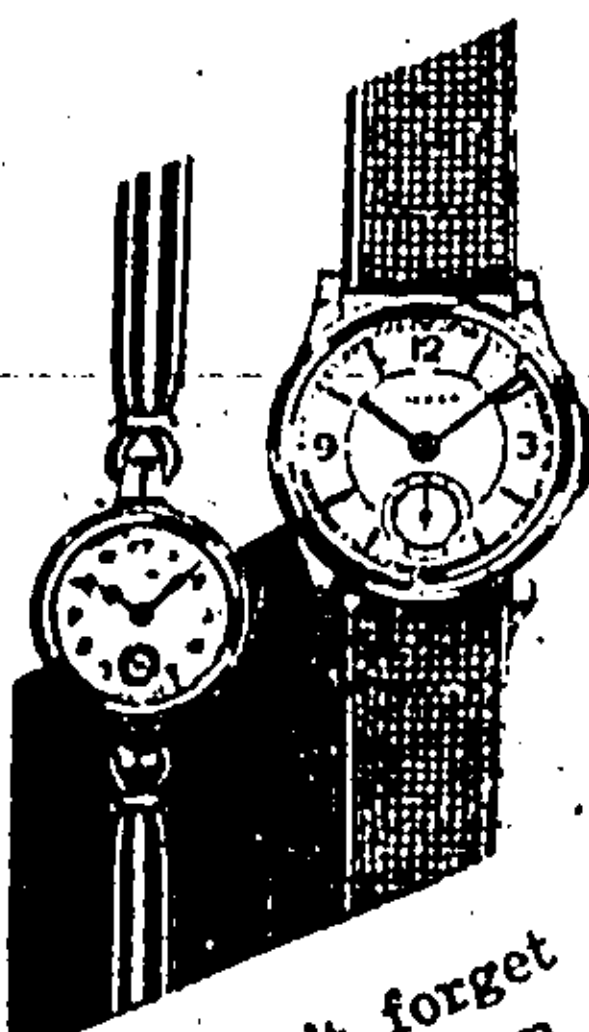
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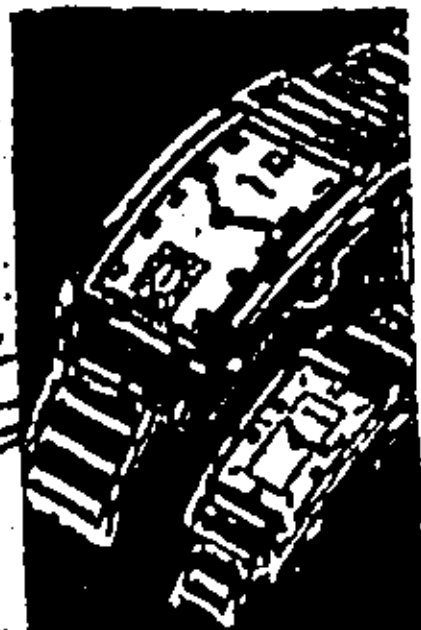


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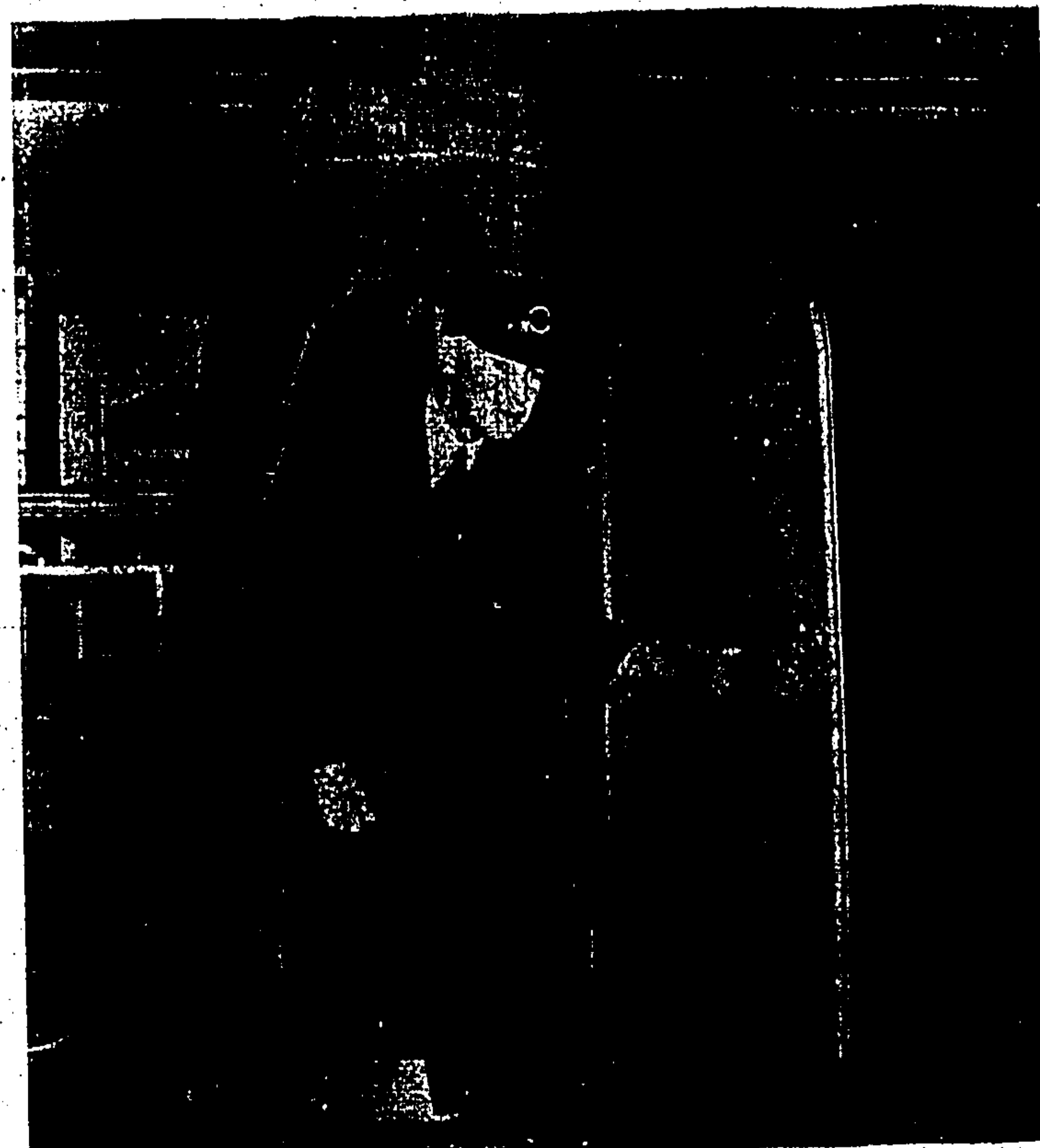
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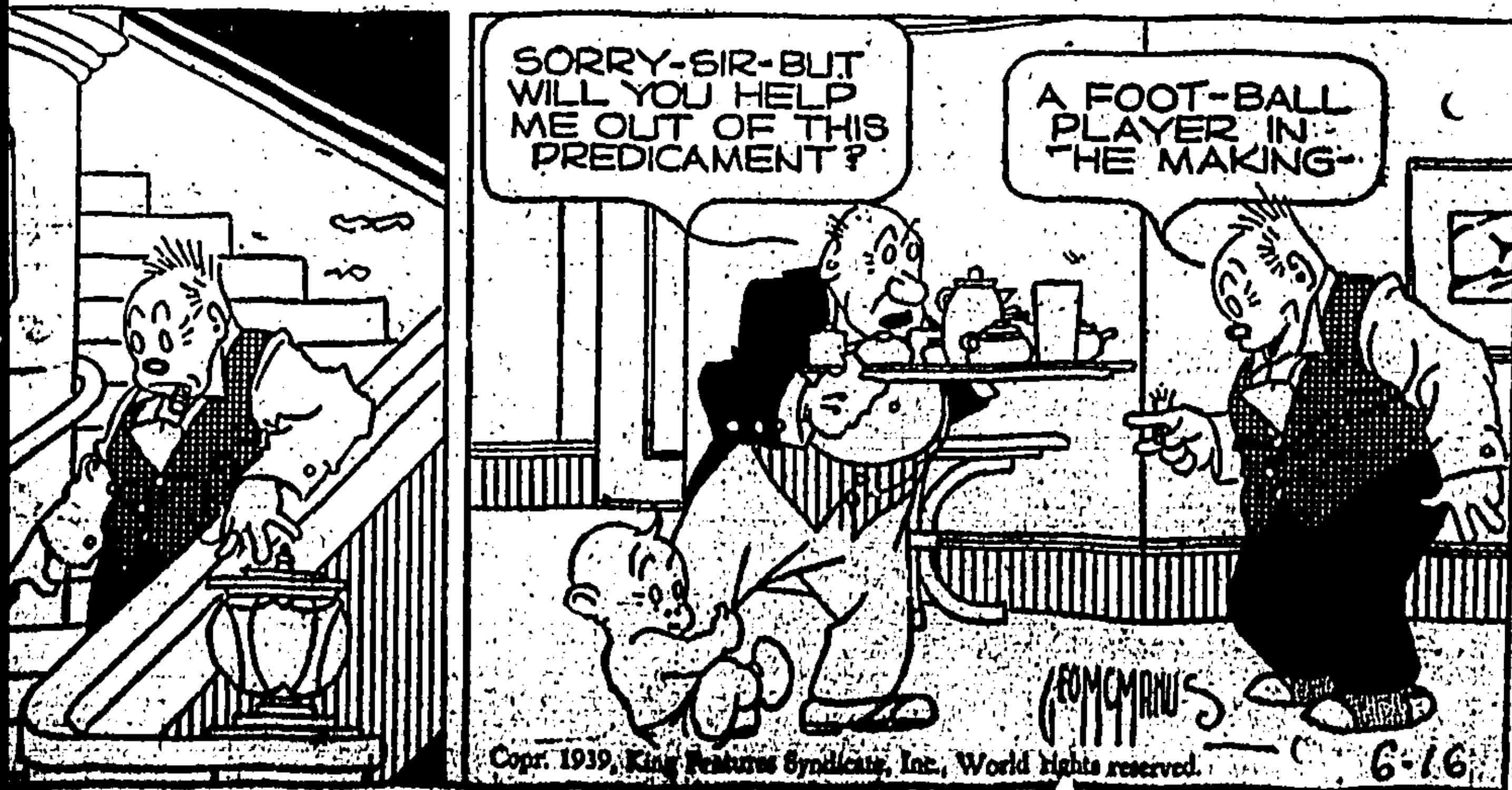
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By George McManus



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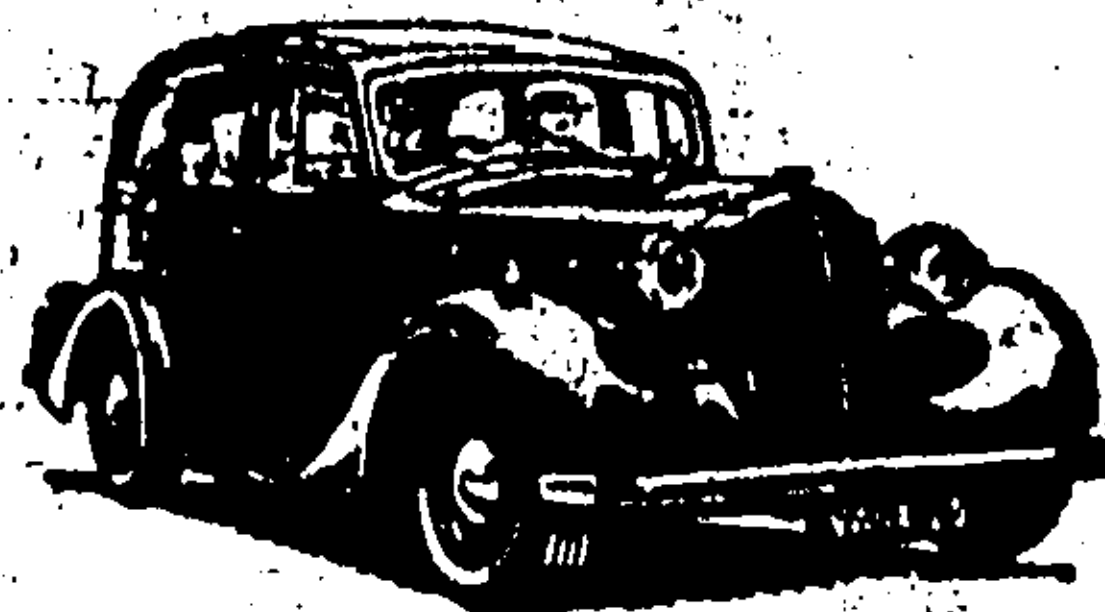
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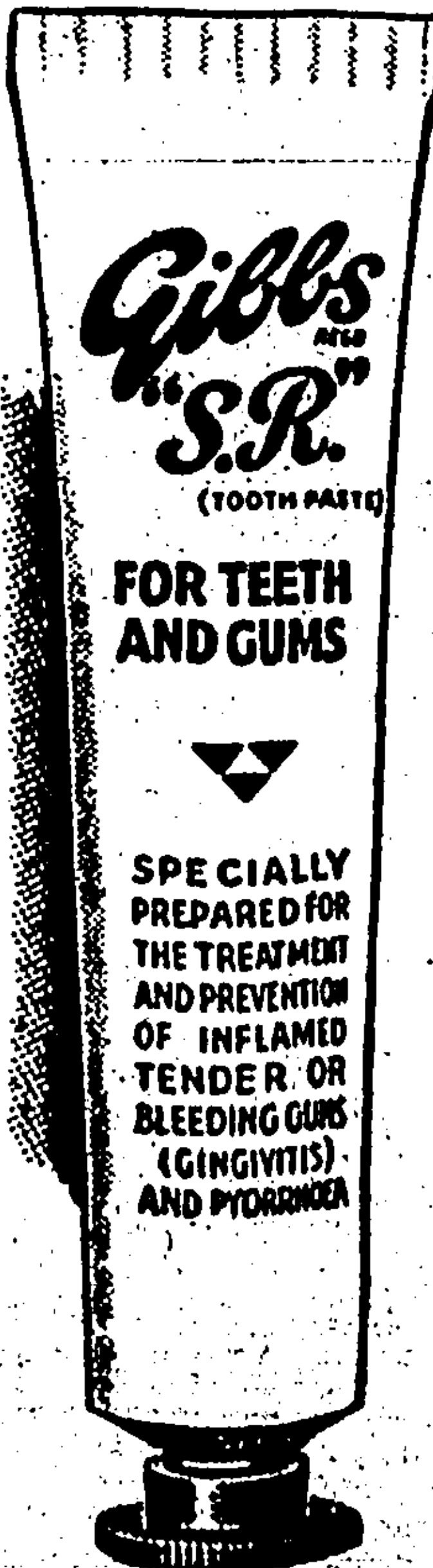
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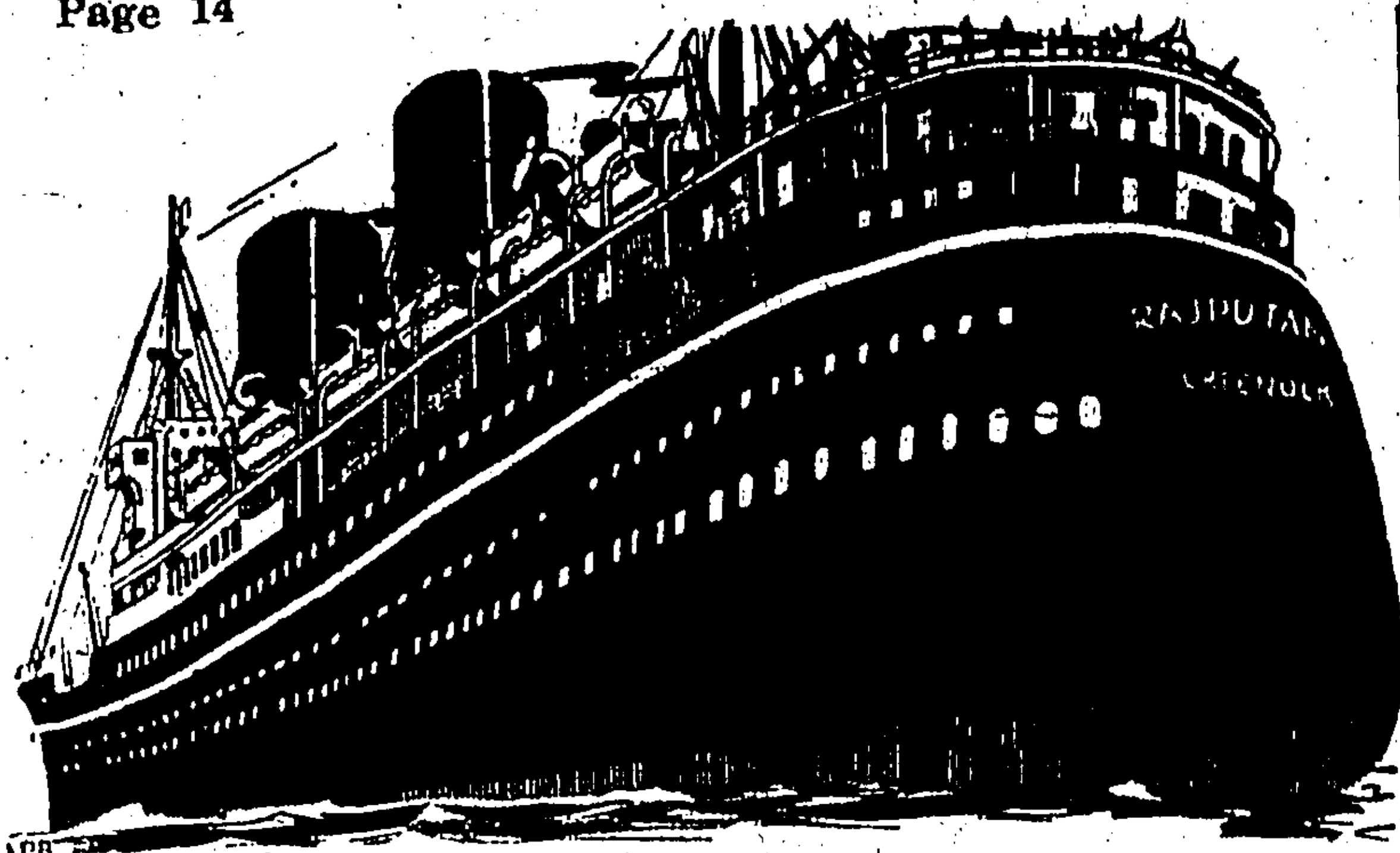
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*BANGALORE	6,000	7th Oct.	Marseilles & London.
*RANPURA	17,000	14th Oct.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*RAWALPINDI	17,000	28th Oct.	Marseilles & London.
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*RANCHI	17,000	31st Aug.	Shanghai & Japan.
*NARINGA	7,000	31st Aug.	Japan.
*BANGALORE	8,000	1st Sept.	Shanghai & Japan.
*NANKIN	7,000	3rd Sept.	Shanghai & Japan.
*RANPURA	17,000	14th Sept.	Shanghai & Japan.
*TALMA	10,000	14th Sept.	Japan.
*RAWALPINDI	17,000	28th Sept.	Shanghai & Japan.
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POST OFFICE

GENERAL HOLIDAY

On Monday, the 7th August, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8.00 a.m. to Noon; Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m., and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays, one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11.30 a.m., and one delivery of registered correspondence at 11.00 a.m.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11.00 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Parcel Post Service to the Province of Yunnan is temporarily suspended.

Registered and Parcel Post Service to Foochow is temporarily suspended.

Registered and Ordinary mails and Parcels (not Insured) will be accepted for Canton and despatched as circumstances permit.

Letters and Postcards for Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

Straits	Somali	August 5.
Straits and Manila	Victoria	August 5.
U.S.A., Honolulu Japan and Shanghai		
(San Francisco date, 14th July)	Pres. Taft	August 5.
Haiphong	Hupei	August 6.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjinegara	August 6.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 2nd Aug.	Imperial Airways Plane	August 7.
Haiphong	Canton	August 7.
Bangkok	Szechow	August 7.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	Kiangsu	August 8.
Bangkok	Newchwang	August 8.
Straits and Manila	Scharnhorst	August 8.
Tientsin and Shanghai	Yunnan	August 8.
Java and Manila	Tjibadak	August 8.
Japan	Tango Maru	August 8.
Straits	Cremer	August 8.
Shanghai	Memnon	August 8.
Tientsin	Kwangtung	August 8.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 2nd August	Pan-American Airways Plane	Aug. 9.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 2nd August	Air France Plane	August 9.
Tientsin	Ninghai	August 9.
Rabaul	Friderun	August 9.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., date, 22nd July)	Emp. of Russia	August 10.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 5th Aug.	Imperial Airways Plane	August 10.
Saigon	Laos	August 11.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Fort Bayard	New Mathilde	Aug. 5, 2 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Taft	Aug. 5, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Somali	Aug. 5, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

Haiphong	Taksang	Aug. 6, 9 a.m.
Saigon	Chinese Prince	Aug. 6, 9 a.m.

MONDAY

Fort Bayard, Saigon and Parcels only for Rangoon	Hai Lee	Aug. 7, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 14th Aug.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Aug. 7, G.P.O.
	Reg.	Aug. 7, Noon.
	Ord.	Aug. 7, Noon.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Aug. 7, Noon.
	Ord.	Aug. 7, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 14th Aug.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Aug. 7, K.P.O.
	Reg.	Aug. 7, Noon.
	Ord.	Aug. 7, Noon.
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	Reg.	Aug. 7, Noon.
	Ord.	Aug. 7, 5 p.m.

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CHANGTE	4 Aug.	12 Aug.	15 Aug.	31 Aug.
TAIPING	8 Sept.	11 Sept.	14 Sept.	29 Sept.
CHANGTE	3 Oct.	10 Oct.	13 Oct.	28 Oct.
TAIPING	31 Oct.	7 Nov.	10 Nov.	26 Nov.

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S.S. "PRESIDENT TAFT"	" AUG. 6th at 2.00 A.M.
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ARRIVING TO-DAY

President Taft, APL, due from U.S.A. at 11 a.m.; Kowloon Wharf. Saarland (Jebsen), due from Europe at 10 p.m.; Kowloon Wharf. Somali, P. and O., due from Europe at 1 p.m.; Kowloon Wharf. Thurland Castle (Dodwell), due from New York at noon; Kowloon Wharf.

Victoria, Lloyd Triestino, arrived from Europe; Kowloon Wharf.

SAILING TO-DAY

Changon, Changon & Co., sailing for Kwangchow-wan this afternoon; buoy B-4.

Corfu, P. and O., sailing for London at noon; Kowloon Wharf.

Gladys Moller, Moller, sailing for Haiphong at noon; Kowloon Wharf.

Helios (Thoresen), sailed for Bangkok.

Lyeemoon, Fat Sing, sailing for Saigon at noon; buoy B-5.

New Mathilde, Shun Cheong, sailing for Kwangchow-wan this afternoon; Stone-cutter's.

Peiping (Gilman), sailed for Scandinavia.

President Taft, APL, sailing for Manila at 2 a.m. on Sunday; Kowloon Wharf.

Seistan, Douglas, sailing for Kwangchow-wan at noon; Douglas Pier.

Tanda, E. and A., sailed for Shanghai/Japan.

Victoria, Lloyd Triestino, sailing for Shanghai at 11 a.m.; Kowloon Wharf.

Wing Wo, Tai Yau, sailed for Kwangchow-wan.

Yuensang, I-C, sailing for Calcutta at noon; buoy A-5.

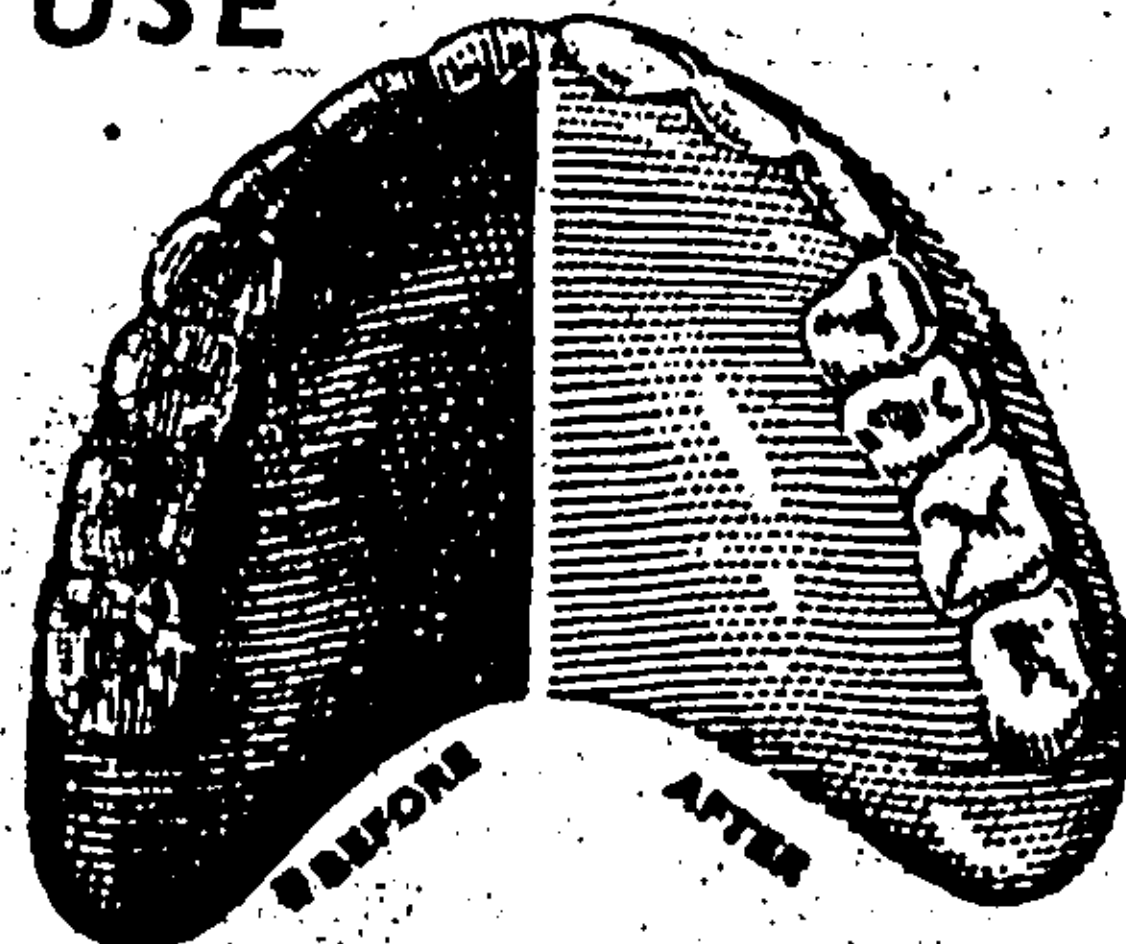
NOTES

Gilman's advised the "China Mail" this morning that the Canton will now be sailing for Manila tomorrow night. She is at present tied up at buoy A-9.

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The Empress of Russia leaves Nagasaki for Hong Kong via Shanghai at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning.

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STEARNS

Orders by Lieut. Colonel H. B. Rose, M.C. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Friday, 4th August, 1939.

ORDERLY MEDICAL OFFICER
Wednesday, 9th August, H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Lieut. A. M. Rodrigues.

HOLIDAY

Corps H.Q. will be closed on Monday, 7th August.

FITTING CLOTHING

O's. C. Units will make arrangements direct with R.Q.M.S. as to which nights their recruits are fitted.

ANTI-GAS INSTRUCTORS' COURSE
Friday, 11th August, H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Those detailed.

N.C.O.'s PROMOTION EXAMINATION

Tuesday, 15th August, H.Q., 5.15 p.m. Those detailed from No. 1 M.G. Company.

PARADE

Corps Artillery Recruits
Monday, 7th August. No parade.
Wednesday, 9th August, H.Q., 5.30 p.m.

1st Battery

Gun Detachments.—Tuesday, 8th August, Belchers, 5.45 p.m. No. 1 Gun Detachment and all the D.R.F. Class. Gun drill and D.R.F. instruction. Dress—K.D. shirts and shorts, S.D. caps, and gun platform shoes.

Friday, 11th August, Belchers, 5.45 p.m. Nos. 2 and 3 Gun Detachments and D.R.F. Class (The D.R.F. Class will also parade on Tuesday, 8th August). Gun drill, D.R.F. and Lewis gun instruction. Dress—K.D. shirts and shorts, S.D. caps and gun platform shoes.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

Subject: "Spirit"

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches tomorrow, August 6th, will be "Spirit." The Golden Text will be:—"What man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God." (1 Cor. 2.11).

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible:—"Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness. Now we have received, not the Spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (Ps. 143: 10; 1 Cor. 2: 12-14).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy:—"The belief that Spirit is finite as well as infinite has darkened all history. In Christian Science, Spirit, as a proper noun, is the name of the Supreme Being. It means quantity and quality, and applies exclusively to God. In the Bible the word Spirit is so commonly applied to Deity, that Spirit and God are often regarded as synonymous terms; and it is thus they are uniformly used and understood in Christian Science. Man has "sought out many inventions," but he has not yet found it true that knowledge can save him from the dire effects of knowledge." (Pages 93, 344, 196).

"B" DIVISION

SOUTH CHINA'S EASY WIN

Playing in the "B" Division South China beat Civil Service 8-1 at King's Park yesterday.

W. T. Lee and C. H. Dow (South China)

beat L. and G. Agafuroff 6-3

beat Bendall and Skinner 6-4

beat Peck and Bicknell 6-2

F. M. Wong and H. K. Ho (South China)

draw with Agafuroff brothers 6-6

beat Bendall and Skinner 6-4

beat Peck and Bicknell 6-2

W. K. Ma and T. H. Lee (South China)

draw with Agafuroff brothers 6-6

beat Bendall and Skinner 7-5

beat Peck and Bicknell 6-1

HOME CRICKET

YORKSHIRE ONLY COUNTY TO WIN OUTRIGHT

Three Matches Abandoned Owing To Rain

London, To-day. — Rain interfered seriously with the County cricket programme which concluded yesterday, no fewer than three matches being abandoned.

Yorkshire, making a sporting declaration, scored a fine victory over Glamorgan, thanks chiefly to some brilliant bowling by Robinson, who took 10 for 119 in the course of the match.

Apart from first innings wins by Gloucestershire over Derbyshire, and Hampshire over Surrey, all other matches were abandoned.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
At Chesterfield, Gloucestershire beat Derbyshire on the first innings. Derbyshire—121 (Scott 7 for 53) and 120 for 2. Gloucestershire—198 (Mitchell 6 for 71).

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At Chelmsford, there was only one day's play in the match between Essex and Kent. Essex 172 (Watt 5 for 29); Kent 51 for 1.

* * *
At Nottingham, only one day's play between Nottinghamshire and Sussex. Sussex 335 for 5 (John Langridge 158, Harry Parks 100) Notts did not bat.

* * *
At Cardiff, Yorkshire beat Glamorgan by 86 runs. Yorks—234 and 186 for 6 dec. (Jones 5 for 60). Glamorgan—194 (Robinson 5 for 60) and 140 (Robinson 5 for 59).

* * *
At Manchester, match between Warwickshire and Lancashire abandoned with Lancashire 98 for 4.

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At Portsmouth, Hampshire beat Surrey on the first innings. Hampshire—301 (Walker 108 not out; F. R. Brown 7 for 86) and 94 for 1. Surrey—240 (Knott 8 for 85).

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TO-DAY'S MATCHES
At Oval—Surrey v. Nottinghamshire.
At Burton-on-Trent—Derbyshire v. Warwickshire.
At Bristol—Gloucestershire v. Somerset.

"C" DIVISION

VITAL MATCH PLAYED OFF

Postponed on several occasions for various reasons, the vital "C" Division match between South China and Kowloon Tong was played at Kowloon Tong yesterday and resulted in a tie.

Kowloon Tong are now in a favourable position as this point is the only one they have dropped.

Other two teams in the running for the championship are South China and C.R.C. The former have now drawn two matches—with Recreio and Kowloon Tong—while C.R.C. have lost to South China.

League will probably be decided when C.R.C. play Kowloon Tong in the near future.

In "C" Division of the Tennis League, Kowloon Tong drew with South China A.A. yesterday at Kowloon Tong.

H. Lin and T. E. Ling (K.T.G.C.A.) lost to T. Kwok and Y. F. Liu ... 3-6

beat H. S. Leo and H. T. Bee ... 6-1

beat T. C. Tsao and C. L. Lau ... 7-5

Lam Kwan and J. Wei (K.T.G.C.A.) lost to Kwok and Liu ... 2-6

beat Lee and Bee ... 6-2

lost to Tso and Lau ... 3-6

B. Yu and Y. Y. Lin (K.T.G.C.A.) lost Kwok and Liu ... 4-6

drew with Lee and Bee ... 6-6

beat Tso and Lau ... 6-4

At Canterbury—Kent v. Hampshire.

At Leicester—Leicestershire v. Northamptonshire.

At Hove—Sussex v. Middlesex.

At Worcester—Worcestershire v. Essex.

At Leeds—Yorkshire v. Lancashire.

At Swansea—Glamorgan v. West Indies.



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SWIMMING PROGRAMME

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50	Yards Boys Free Style	Style
(scratch).		
25	Yards Ladies' Free Style	Style
Scratch (B).		
50	YARDS FREE STYLE CHALLENGE (V.R.C. v. C.Y.M.C.A.)	
25	Yards Ladies' Free Style	Style
Scratch (A).		
50	Yards Breast Stroke Boys	Style
Scratch.		
100	YARDS BACK STROKE, CHALLENGE (V.R.C. v. C.Y.M.C.A.)	
100	YARDS BREAST STROKE, CHALLENGE (V.R.C. v. C.Y.M.C.A.)	
50	Yards Boys Back Stroke	Style
Scratch.		
50	Yards Ladies' Scratch (C).	
50	Yards Ladies' Scratch (B).	
50	Yards Ladies' Scratch (A).	
200	YARDS 4 MEN FREE STYLE RELAY CHALLENGE (V.R.C. v. Y.M.C.A.)	
Members 50	Yards Free Style, Scratch.	
Ladies' Back Stroke Scratch.		
150	YARDS MEDLEY RELAY CHALLENGE.	
220	YARDS CHALLENGE FREE STYLE.	
Ladies' Team Race, 25 Yards each		
Free Style.		

LEAGUE TENNIS

MRS. CHURCHILL'S PROMISING DISPLAY

Severely weakened by the absence of E. C. Fincher, who was engaged in a Colony lawn bowls tie, K.C.C. "A" were held to a draw by Ladies' Recreation Club in Mixed Doubles Division of the Lawn Tennis League at Cox's Road yesterday.

G. C. Burnett and Mrs. Sweeney, who on form are little inferior to Fincher and Mrs. Burnett as a combination, played like novices and were only able to win one set.

Under these circumstances, K.C.C.'s performance in drawing can be considered quite a good one.

Chiefly responsible were A. E. P. Guest and Mrs. Burnett, who gave a splendid display to win all three sets. Guest played his usual steady game while Mrs. Burnett was very accurate with her driving both on the forehand and the backhand.

Mrs. Clarke, partnered by N. A. E. Mackay making his first appearance in this type of tennis, was badly let down in the first set when Mackay could not get any of his strokes working. When he improved somewhat in the second set, this pair created a surprise by drawing with the powerful J. J. Ferguson-Mrs. Churchill combination after being 2-4 down.

PROMISING LADY

For the visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Story met with most success. Story's powerful top-spin forehand drive won many points, whilst Mrs. Story was reliable off the ground and lobbed with fine judgment.

Most promising lady on view, however, was Mrs. Churchill. Particularly powerful on the volley, she was one of the few members of the fair sex playing in the match who showed a preference for the forecourt, from

SWIMMING GALA

INTERPORTERS ON VIEW TO-NIGHT

In view of the forthcoming Inter-port swimming contest with Shanghai, the swimming gala to be held at Victoria Recreation Club this evening between V.R.C. and Chinese Y.M.C.A., should prove of particular interest, especially as numerous past, present and future champions will be in action.

The programme will include classical races and provision has been made for events for ladies and schoolboys.

Piece de resistance of the evening will be the 200 yards relay between V.R.C. and C.Y.M.C.A. Both teams will be at full strength and the former team, possible Interport representatives, will have to give of their best to beat the Chinese who will be represented by:—Chan Wing-kai, Chan Chim-nam, Chan Cheung-wing and Lo Yuk-wing.

D. H. Taylor, W. Lawrence, D. Hutchinson and Charlie Nolasco da Silva will carry the V.R.C. colours.

Taylor and Hutchinson, two of the Colony's most promising sprinters, will be opposed to Chan Wing-kai, holder of the Colony record, in the 50 yards free style, while "Smally" Rumjahn and L. Roza Pereira will be opposed to Lau Yin-ting and Yeung Yin-kwan in the 100 yards back stroke.

Rumjahn and Lau are great rivals and were featured in a fine race in the first meeting this season of the two clubs, whilst Roza Pereira, making a comeback, forced Rumjahn to such an extent in a recent trial, that the latter broke his own record in securing a narrow victory.

The 220 yards free style, the swimmers' blue riband, should see a great struggle. At the moment it has not been definitely decided who will represent V.R.C. C. Silva-Netto will be one, but the other will be either Lawrence or Hutchinson. The Chinese will have Chan Chin-nam, one of the finest swimmers in the Colony over this distance, and Chan Yee Fong.

Other challenge events are the 100 yards breast stroke and the 150 yards medley relay.

Teams for the former are L. M. Remedios and D. Hutchinson or J. Marques (V.R.C.) and Fong Chung-ye and Wong Shiu-hung (C.Y.M.C.A.) while Rumjahn, L. M. Remedios and Taylor (V.R.C.) will swim against Lau Yin-ting, Fong Chung-ye and Chan Wing-kai in the medley relay.

whence her fearless volleying won many points. This player also served very well and revealed a powerful forehand drive.

More will be heard of Mrs. Churchill in local tennis if she stays here any length of time.

G. C. Burnett and Mrs. Sweeney (K.C.C. "A").

lost to J. J. Ferguson and Mrs.

Churchill ... 2-6

lost to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Story ... 1-6

beat Capt. Hyde and Mrs. R. C.

Beavan ... 6-4

A. E. P. Guest and Mrs. O. Burnett

(K.C.C. "A").

beat Ferguson and Mrs. Churchill ... 6-1

beat Mr. and Mrs. Story ... 7-5

beat Capt. Hyde and Mrs. Beavan ... 6-4

N. A. E. Mackay and Mrs. V. Clarke

(K.C.C. "A").

drew with Ferguson and Mrs.

Churchill ... 6-6

lost to Mr. and Mrs. Story ... 1-6

lost to Capt. Hyde and Mrs. Bea-

van ... 2-6

TO-DAY'S LAWN BOWLS

CHAMPIONS SHOULD BEAT CRAIGENGOWER C.C.

(By "SKIP")

THE OUTSTANDING GAME IN TO-DAY'S LAWN BOWLS PROGRAMME WILL BE THAT BETWEEN CRAIGENGOWER AND CLUB DE RECREIO "A".

The match takes place at Happy Valley and promises to be as close as has the last three games between the two clubs in which the biggest win has been one of eight shots, a result which the Valley team achieved at King's Park last season. The Portuguese team, however, had its revenge in the subsequent encounter at the Valley.

When these two teams met earlier in the season, Club de Recreio, thanks largely to C. G. Silva, won by seven shots, the last-named defeating U. M. Omar by 10 shots. The Champions are on the crest of the wave and should just about pull it off.

Kowloon Cricket Club, at home to the Police, should have little difficulty in maintaining their challenge to the leaders, whilst the Civil Servants will begin their game against the Indians with a confidence which their recent performances justify.

The other game in this division is at Hung Hom and if the local team turns out as selected they should be able to overcome Recreio "B" by a

small margin. I understand, however, that J. C. Brown, for one, is a doubtful starter having got rid of only about a dozen of his fifty-odd boils! The visitors will be without F. X. Soares, one of their regular skips as he has strained a tendon. Eddie Souza takes his place for this match.

SECOND DIVISION

The tit-bit of Second Division is at Quarry Bay where Craigengower are to be entertained. This should have been the first match of the season but rain prevented play on what should have been opening day. In a match which is of great importance to both teams, I forecast a win for the home-sters.

Hong Kong Football Club need have no qualms over the result of their game against Police but the same cannot be said of the Civil Servants who will probably find Kowloon Bowling Green Club too strong.

THIRD DIVISION

Club de Recreio, present leaders of the third division are resting to-day

SKIP'S FORECAST FOR TO-DAY

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon C.C.	(55)	v. Police R.C.	(58)
Civil Service C.C.	(34)	v. Indian R.C.	(74)
Craigengower C.C.	(51)	v. Recreio "A"	(58)
Kowloon D.R.C.	(62)	v. Recreio "B"	(62)

SECOND DIVISION

Civil Service C.C.	(50)	v. Kowloon B.G.C.	(66)
Taikoo D.R.C.	(62)	v. Craigengower C.C.	(67)
Hong Kong F.C.	(70)	v. Police R.C.	(63)

THIRD DIVISION

H.K. Electric R.C.	(63)	v. Yacht Club	(49)
Prison Officers' Club	(54)	v. Craigengower C.C.	(64)
Hong Kong F.C.	(60)	v. Kowloon C.C.	(56)
Kowloon B.G.C.	(77)	v. Kowloon F.C.	(45)

Figures in brackets denote the score in First Round games.

but play off a postponed game against Kowloon Bowling Green Club to-morrow afternoon, an unusual departure but one which will slightly ease congestion in the programme.

A rare tussle should be seen with the Austin Road team possibly gain-

ing a victory, as they should against the Kowloon Football Club to-day.

Hong Kong Electric and The Prison Officers' Club look to be other likely home winners but Kowloon Cricket Club should overcome Hong Kong Footballers, even down at the Valley.

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LOCAL CRICKET

Definite Progress In Home, Away League Matches Question

PROPOSAL BEING MADE AT LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING

TENTATIVE FIXTURE LIST DRAWN UP

(By "ADREM")

The arrival of the month of August invariably brings to mind prospects of our extensive programme of sports for the cooler months.

At the conclusion of the last cricket season I mentioned that there was a strong movement afoot for home and away League matches for the coming season.

That this matter has not been allowed to sink into obscurity with the advent of tennis and swimming is now apparent.

Sponsor of the movement is a well-known local cricketer, who last season captained a side hitherto against more League matches.

I understand that he has written to the League authorities explaining that he had sounded various clubs on the subject as the result of which he has come to the conclusion that there is in fact, a strong desire among local cricketers that the season should be occupied with more League matches.

Clubs are now in the process of being circulated by the League. The proposition is being explained to them so there will be no excuse, at the Annual League meeting, for lack of notice of this question which has vexed local cricketers for years.

The League are going into the matter with commendable thoroughness and, I am given to understand, tentative fixture list will be drawn up allowing for the increased number of matches, which will be available at the meeting. By this means it will be able to ascertain, without very much difficulty, the practicability of the scheme.

I have not been able to ascertain whether or not the proposed revision will affect both Divisions. It seems to me that the Juniors, who had 10 teams in the competition last season, would have considerable difficulty in getting through a programme of 18 matches.

Only Seven Matches

In the Senior Division, there is usually an average of about seven to eight clubs. Last year there were eight, making seven League matches to be played by each club. It is in this Division that the need for matches has always been felt.

As I see it, there are five full months available for the League. They are

October, December, January, February, and March with a certain amount of April which could be used at a pinch.

November is always a difficult month owing to Volunteer Camps, but as these were only extended over two week-ends last year against four previously, there is every reason to believe that the same practice will be in operation this year in which case a couple of games might even be fitted into this month should it be desired.

I don't think the light factor is any sort of an argument against the proposal. Undoubtedly hours of play would be rather curtailed in November and December but that surely should only be an incentive to teams to generally speed up their play and would tend to brighten cricket.

Excluding November entirely, there are roughly 20 Saturdays which could be appropriated. Under the present scheme of things, teams in the first Division are only required to play seven matches.

Not Against Friendlies

The remainder of the season, as far as the majority of clubs are concerned, is made up with friendlies. Whilst I am not against friendlies, I feel that the League certainly does bring out the best in each club. We had some really first-class League matches last season which did a lot to stimulate interest in the game which is now probably on a sounder footing than it ever has been.

Surely then, 14 fixtures in a season is not too much to ask of any club.

Nevertheless, several cricketers with whom I have discussed the subject, feel that a greater margin of error should be allowed and that 11 matches would suffice.

In order that this could be done, each team would be required to play one match against each of the others, and the other four fixtures would be drawn for.

It might be argued that under this scheme it would be possible that the

BRITISH GIRL ESTABLISHES NEW RECORDS

Britain has discovered the greatest woman cyclist of all time. In the last few weeks she has been burning up the roads in a series of unpaced records which are the finest achievements of their kind in the history of the sport.

Her name is Marguerite Wilson, and she lives at Bournemouth, England. Twenty-one years old, pretty and charming Marguerite is a blonde bombshell on the road.

Probably her finest feat was to cover the 138 miles from London to Portsmouth and back in only 42 minutes more than the famous Australian, Hubert Opperman.

She has followed this up with breaking five other British women's unpaced road cycle records in as many weeks!

Miss Wilson is a member of the famous team of road record-breakers sponsored by the Hercules cycle firm of Birmingham, England. The lessons learned from their record achievements go into the design and construction of the cycles that this famous British firm ship to nearly every country in the world.

The team also includes "Shake" Earnshaw, who recently rode a cycle unpaced at the highest speed ever achieved (on the road)—33 miles per hour.

Records and Hercules go together this year. The firm and its founder, Sir Edmund Crane—genius of the British cycle industry—are at present celebrating the production of their 6,000,000th cycle.

stronger teams would be drawn against each other in the second half of the programme thus giving some weaker team a chance of winning the championship against merit.

Would this be detrimental to the game? I think not. It would tend to keep the shield travelling and would open up competition far more.

Greater Margin of Error

Another argument for more League matches is that a greater margin of error would be allowed. Under present arrangements no team with championship aspirations can afford to lose a couple of games at the beginning of the season. Such reverses would definitely place them right out of the running. Therefore there is a strong tendency, among teams, in early games, to "shut up shop fairly early when it is apparent that there is little prospect of victory. Otherwise, the remainder of their League fixtures, to a club which starts off by losing two out of their seven games, would lack a great deal of

SPORTS PARADE

THERE is little doubt that British tennis is at a pathetically low level, writes a Home correspondent, commenting on Britain's defeat in the Davis Cup contest with Germany.

It was not an unexpected defeat and if the present people who compose the L.T.A. are allowed to remain, other defeats may be expected.

Lawn tennis is different in Britain from that played in any other country. It is a "gentlemen's" game and though you may be well-equipped to play the game, there is a positive danger if you are the type of person who leaves his aitches around the courts.

There is a no more tragic sight than to witness the Wimbledon court looking so terribly un-Wimbledonish with aitches lying about everywhere.

The British team that went to Berlin spoke the best English with a streamlined Oxford accent; that their tennis was not equal to their accent is a minor matter.

Britain lost at Berlin because it sent the worst team it could select, but all of the team were well-in socially and they belonged to the best clubs.

The Americans and the Australians do not require an Oxford accent as part of their equipment. They are fortunate, indeed, in this respect. Until British lawn tennis is purged of its snobbery it will continue to supply such lamentable displays as that given in Berlin.

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LAST season there were 2685 licensed boxers in Great Britain. These licensed boxers carried on their backs, 182 promoters, 150 referees, 226 managers, 34 matchmakers, 80 M.C.'s, hundreds of trainers, 44 timekeepers, and 491 seconds.

Few of this number made anything approaching a living out of the game, much less so the boxers. Less than 30 per cent. of those engaged in British boxing made £5 a week during the season. In other words, it would take the average British boxer thirty-two years to earn as much as Henry Armstrong, the American boxer, earned in one night.

interest.

With more matches in which to recover lost ground there would be more incentive to go for outright wins. Cricket would be brightened up and interest in the League would be maintained over a longer period.

As this question has come up with regularity for years, I would appeal to those who have hitherto opposed the scheme to at least agree to giving it a trial this year. If these cricketers feel that it would not be a success, it would always be possible to revert to the old system and the old question would then be decided once and for all.

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England's Batting Too Slow To Force Win

Bowes' Artistic Bowling Made It Possible

Old Trafford, July 25.

More rain in the night; start delayed for half an hour. But we look forward to interesting cricket, because the fine batting yesterday of Hardstaff and Grant has woken up the whole match.

The wicket had recovered from its soaking by close of play overnight. Had no more rain fallen it would have been sound, if not fast, this morning. As it is, the dank green hue has returned to the turf, and the slow outfield means that runs cannot come fast, even if the batsmen find the bowling comfortable.

The question is—can George Headley again carry his side?

Wright's first over to Sealey and Headley reveals that the wicket is dead, but not altogether without "bite." Bowes, the other end, with his faster pace seems to get more out of the turf, but has to be careful of his foothold.

Both batsmen are behaving circumspectly, and Headley does not much like Wright's leg-breaks. But Bowes is the likelier for a wicket.

I fancy he is our bowler to-day.

With 11 runs added in 15 minutes Sealey fails to avoid a "kicker" from Bowes and is caught at short slip. Four men out for 96.

At noon, with 104 on the board, Copson comes on instead of Wright, and Headley sheds his sweater. The West Indian Don is a cool hand; he will not get himself out; that is the bowler's job. He is not as nimble as the real Don, but he is very quick.

Five For 108

A few overs and Bowes sends Cameron away with the same successful ball; the one that swings away with a lift from the pitch. Result, a catch in the slips. Five men out for 108.

The newcomer, Williams, does not promise to stay; he takes his eye off the ball and lifts his head.

The wicket is too slow to suit Copson and Bowes is extracting more life from it. He is working well to-day; very accurate with disguised variations of pace and no lapses, except when an intended "outswinger" carries on outside the batsman's legs.

Headley Gives Chance

All the same, Headley, in trying to drive, has given Copson a hard chance of a catch off his own bowling.

Copson usually holds a catch; this one was rather a stinger.

The next incident is in Copson's favour. He induces Williams to play on from a crooked bat.

Six men out for 113 runs. Enter Leary Constantine, cheerfully, to rouse applause.

Leary does not disappoint. He whacks the air hard with a swish three times in four balls and tries to steal an impossible run.

Now Headley is beginning to show us his forcing strokes. His own ringing off-drives, a Bradman hook and a Ranji leg-cut—all travellers.



A Great Effort

J. E. D. Sealey, West Indies' 'keeper, falls when attempting to catch a ball from Fagg. Bowler is L. G. Hylton. (Copyright).

Leary does not support the champion. He succeeds acrobatically in seeing himself bowled round his legs by Bowes. None but a clever pedestrian could have removed his legs out of the path of the ball.

So seven men are gone for 124 runs. The time has come for Headley to force the game severely if he is to put his side all square.

Headley's Fifty

Only one run added and Hammond takes a fine catch off Copson to dismiss Martindale.

Headley again is top scorer of his side. He takes his half century with a fine on drive, cleverly placed clear of the outfield.

Then Bowes secures his fifth victim in Hylton. The long-legged West Indian bowler walks casually in front of his wicket, bat in air. Nine for 132.

A voice from the crowd, a cracked voice, exhorts the little George to "have a crack, and never mind yer average."

George takes the hint, flashes at Brown, and slices the ball to the safe gauntlets of Arthur Wood. All over for 133; 31 runs behind.

Bowes has taken six wickets for 33 runs and he has done a fine performance. The wicket is not pleasant for batting, because every scoring stroke has to be somewhat forced. But it is only difficult in so far as the skill of the bowler makes it.

Very well done, Bill Bowes, an artistic piece of bowling by a thorough craftsman.

Patient Mastery

Headley's innings in uncongenial conditions was worthy of his eminent name. Few fire-works; just unremitting patient mastery. He merits all praise.

Our little lead of 31 runs in such a match as this may give us an outside chance of victory. But only if our batsmen attack with resolute wisdom.

It is no good forcing the game at the expense of falling wickets. Not against bowlers and fieldsmen such as these West Indians.

In the quarter of an hour left before lunch Hutton and Fagg cannot do much. Martindale and Hylton can both use the new ball with effect.

The "swingers" are not easy to bang about.

During the interval the wicket has dried; the dank green patches are gone; the foothold for the bowlers is now sound.

Martindale and Hylton continue to exploit the good length ball outside the off stump, swinging away. No safe chance yet awhile for quick runs. The first half dozen overs do not promise rapid developments. We must be on the warpath soon if we are to try for a finish.

Hutton's 2000

Hutton, having reached his 2000th run, is caught at the wicket off a Martindale swinger. A high rising ball chased his bat. Total 26 for one.

Paynter is one of our four professedly quick scorers, but I fear the bowling is too accurate for the tactics of hurry to succeed. Grant will probably persevere with his two fast bowlers in order to keep the runs down.

This modern swerve bowling, when accurate, does keep the batsman quiet. One has to reserve one's strokes till so late in the flight of the ball that the latent scoring power is damped out.

The game is shaping to a draw. Had the turf remained sodden a finish was on the cards.

On the stroke of three Paynter made a stroke of his own. Fast-footed, he flashed at Martindale and was caught at cover. The left-hander's off-drive spoiled by not throwing the front foot across to the line of the ball.

Two out for 32 runs and Hammond now in; Williams on instead of Hylton.

On The Spot

All the shine is off the ball. Martindale retires from his long spell of

good fast bowling. Constantine takes on. Runs begin to come.

Constantine none the less is on the spot. He is doing a lot of spin from his strong fingers, and is making the ball talk. He very nearly bowled Walter Hammond in his first over with a springy off-break.

We must give it to our opponents that they have constricted our batting by accurate bowling and wide-awake fielding.

I would not say that our batsmen have quite risen to the exigent. This is where we miss our Charles Barnett to open the innings.

He swings his left arm. The driving arm. He does not stab.

Fagg chanced his arm with his eye off the ball at Leary's pretended slow leg-break. The on drive against the break is not the stroke for this ball. Fagg missed it and was completely bowled. He had played well in a way, but not the game for the day. Of course, he is an accomplished batsman without.

Total 74 for three, and 105 runs on.

Turf Quicker

Grant is persisting with his fastest bowlers in order to keep the runs down. He ought I think, for a wicket's sake, to try his leg-breaker, Clarke. The turf would suit him better now than hitherto. It is quicker, but permits spin to operate.

Hammond is playing well, but he cannot find the boundary. He is letting the off ball go, and finally he refuses one too many. Leary's off-break takes his off ball while he stands with his bat unused. So we have 90 runs for four men out.

Not too good this. If we lose a couple of quick wickets now we may yet have an uncomfortable evening.

I still think that Grant would have done well to use his "spin" bowler Clarke if only for a few overs. Instead he reverts to Martindale.

Compton is playing extremely well. It now transpires that he was not out in the first innings. He trod on his wicket not in making his stroke but in starting to run. Had he appealed the umpire would have given him not out.

I cannot see why the umpire did not tell him to stay.

We cannot deny that our men would have had a fair chance of a win had the earlier batsmen hurried up. Another 40 runs would have been enough for the adventure.

After tea Compton begins hitting fours. Constantine clean bowled Wood with his first ball. Six out for 126.

At 5.10 we declare. We are 159 runs ahead. There are 70 minutes of play. Bar accidents, neither side can win.

The features of the day have been Constantine's bowling and Compton's batting.

One accident: Grant is caught off Bowes's first ball at square-leg.

No more accidents for 20 minutes. Stollmeyer and Headley batting soundly. Light is weak, but roller has improved the wicket.

Major accident: Headley out to a snick off Copson. Two men for 11 runs; 45 minutes to go. It now looks as if with management we might have won this match.

At 6 o'clock Wright gets Stollmeyer l.b.w. three for 27.

LAWN BOWLS COMPETITION

GIBSON AND FIELD IN SEMI-FINAL

The postponed Open Pair Lawn Bowls match between W. Glendenning and W. Mair and C. G. Silva and J. E. Noronha was played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and resulted in the latter pair winning by 19-17.

The Recreio pair led from the start and were never in danger. The losers scored a four on the 20th head.

J. Gibson and W. V. Field reach-

ed the Semi-Final of the same tournament when they defeated E. C. Fincher and J. Fraser by 29-21 at the Kowloon Football Club.

The winners took the lead from the start and aided by a six on the third head were leading by 10 shots before the opponents opened their score with a single. Fincher and Fraser then registered a five and a single to be led by 7-10.

Gibson and Field scored a four on 7th head and by steady scoring were leading by 21-9 at the 13th head. They scored a five on the next head, but allowed the losers to score six shots on the next three heads.

In the Fourth Round of the Open

Singles Competition B. Basto beat F. Goodwin by 21-16 after the game had gone 21 heads.

The following were the results of yesterday's matches.

OPEN PAIRS (FOURTH ROUND)

J. E. Noronha and C. G. Silva beat W. Mair and W. Glendenning 19-17.

OPEN PAIRS (QUARTER FINALS)

J. Gibson and W. V. Field beat J. Fraser and E. C. Fincher 29-21.

OPEN SINGLES (FIRST ROUND)

B. Basto beat F. Goodwin 21-16 on the 21st head.

S. M. White beat W. J. Howard 21-8.

C. F. Remedios beat W. R. Hillyer 21-9.

H. A. Alves received a w/o from A. M. Holland.

K. M. Omar received a w/o from W. Hodge.

WATER POLO

Y.M.C.A.'S FIRST WIN

Playing at home, Y.M.C.A., scored their first win in the Water Polo League when they beat Chinese Bathing Club by 4 goals to 1.

Dignam (2), Goldman and Bedford scored for "Y" and Lam Yau-ting scored for the Chinese.

Athletics has produced many youthful prodigies, but it is one of the tragedies of this sport that so few of them develop. In their early teens we find youngsters undertaking many events, and often burning themselves out before they achieve first-class competition. A writer in the London Evening News

"The Time Has Come": Radio Play From London

To-day's Wireless

Programme Of Spanish Music

12.12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Heddle Nash (Tenor) and Light Symphony Orchestra.
May Day Overture (Haydn Wood) ... Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by The Composer.
"Helen"—The Shepherd's Song (Offenbach); "The Dubarry"—If I Am Dreaming (Millocker) ... Heddle Nash (Tenor) with Orch.
Like To The Damask Rose (Elgar—arr. Haydn Wood); Queen Mary's Song (Elgar—arr. Haydn Wood) ... Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Haydn Wood.
The Bloom Is On The Rye (Fitzball & Sir H. Bishop); Bonnie Mary Of Argyle (Traditional) ... Heddle Nash (Tenor) with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.
Rondel: Mina (Elgar, arr. Haydn Wood) ... Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Haydn Wood.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Connie Boswell, Frank Crumit and The Mills Brothers.
I hadn't Anyone Till You (Noble); I'm Glad For Your Sake (Tinturin, Lawrence) ... Connie Boswell (Vocal) with Harry Sosnik & His Orchestra.
Asleep In The Deep (Petric, Lamb); Funiculi Funicula (Denza) ... The Mills Brothers (Four boys and a guitar).
Little Brown Jug (Adapted by Frank Crumit) ... Frank Crumit (Tenor) with Orchestra.
There's Something About An Old

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Love (Hudson, Fein); Heart and Soul (from 'A Song was Born') ... Connie Boswell (Vocal) with Orch.
Mr. Paganini (Lambert, Richards); Star Dust (Carmichael & Others) ... The Mills Brothers (Four boys and a guitar).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Half an hour of Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Talking Through My Heart (from 'The Big Broadcast of 1937'); You Came To My Rescue (film 'The Big Broadcast of 1937') ... Henry King & His Orch.
Fox-Trot—To You, Sweetheart ... Henry King & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—To Mary—With Love ... Al Donahue & His Orchestra.
Tangos—Jingle Bells; Twilight ... E. Bohr's Argentine Tango Orch.
Fox-Trots—Midnight Blue; I Wasn't Lying When I Said I Love You ... Roy Smeck & His Hawaiian Serenaders.
Fox-Trots—Cabin On The Hilltop (film 'Walking on Air'); Mendel's Son's Swing Song ... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—A Programme of Spanish Music.
Flor Del Mal (Padilla-Montesinos); Clavelito Del Genil (Romero) ... Raquel Meller (Vocal) with Orch.

Renacimiento—Tango; Ambiente Pampino—Tango ... Juan Lloasas & His Tango Orch.
Serenata (Malats, arr. Rudd); La Corrida (Valverde); Tango Mio ... Castanets Solo by "La Argentina" with Orchestra.
Llorar Y Reir—Tango; Clasico—Tango ... Juan Lloasas & His Orchestra.
Confession—Tango; La Cumparsita—Tango ... Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orch.
Bouquet of Spanish Songs. Intro: Perjura; Lolita; La Paloma; La Partida; El Relicario; Ay, Ay, Ay ... Sevillian Serenaders with Orchestra.
6.45 p.m.—London Relay—"Lucky Dip". Twenty-eighth Edition.
7.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.32 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections. Milestones of Melody. Intro: Knightsbridge March (E. Coates); Missouri Waltz (Logan); I'll sing thee songs of Araby (Clay); Pink Lady Waltz (Caryll); Believe me, if all those endearing young charms; Valse Bleue (Margis); All through the night; Faust-Ballet Music (Gounod); Soldiers in the Park (Monckton) ... New Mayfair Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
Speakeasy—Cuban Dance (Gensler) ... Odeon Theatre Orchestra cond. by G. Walter.
Gerald's Lightning Hit Switch ... Gerald & His Orchestra.
7.50 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—A talk on "Speed" by Sir Malcolm Campbell.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Singers on Parade.
I'm gonna lock my heart ... Sam Costa; I'm sorry I said I loved you ... Helen Clare; You couldn't be outer ... Paula Green; The sweetest song in the world ... George Barclay; A-tisket, a-tasket ... Pat Hyde; Little lady make-believe ... Al Bowly; Love walked in ... Marjorie Stefford; Time and time again ... Jack Plant; It's d'lovely ... Dinah Miller; The Red Maple

Leaves ... Dan Donovan; Says my heart ... Alice Mann; Music, maestro, please ... Jack Cooper.
8.16 p.m.—Albert Sandler & His Orchestra.
Souvenir D'Ukraine (Ferraris); Black Eyes—Russian Impression (Ferraris); Amoretten Tanz—Waltz (Gungl); Bien Aimes—Valse (Waldteufel); Yvonne (Horatio Nicholls); Trouble In Paradise (Schwartz & Others); Le Chaland Qui Passe (Bixio); Love's Last Word (Cremieux); Faust—Fantasia (Gounod).
8.45 p.m.—London Relay—"The Time Has Come". A radio play by Arthur Watkyn. The scene is London. Production by Dafydd Cruffydd.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"London Log".
9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Sports News and Stock Exchange Report.
9.50 p.m.—Local Sports Results.
9.53 p.m.—Welsh Music.
The Leek—Selection (Middleton). Intro: Cambrian War Song; All through the Night; Jenny Jones; The Rising of the Sun; Watching the Wheat; The Ash Grove; Hunting the Hare; The Rising of the Lark; Over the Stone; The Bells of Aberdovey; Land of my Fathers ... The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Richard Cren.
10 p.m.—London Relay—The Royal Welch Fusiliers. The Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary Ceremony at Caernarvon Castle. There will be a description of the scene and listeners will hear the Commanding Officer of the Regiment demanding the keys from the Constable of the Castle, the Rt. Hon. D. Lloyd George, M.P. There will be a ceremonial parade of the Regimental Standards to the Eagle Tower, where the Band of the Regiment will play and Mr. Lloyd George will give an address. These will be announced from the battlements by a Herald from the Castle, Caernarvon.
10.30 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hong Kong Hotel. With recorded intervals from Z.B.W.
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♥ Q 10 8 2
♦ J 9 7 4
♣ K Q J 5
♠ A 5 4 3 2
♥ 9 7 6 5
♦ 8
♣ 10 8 6
♠ K
♥ 8 4
♦ K Q 10 6 5
♣ A 9 7 3 2

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♠	2♣	2♠	3♣
3♠	4♣	Pass	4♦
4♠	5♦	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Most experts are very lenient about their partner's mistakes, for they know that Contract is so difficult a game that it is impossible for anyone to play even close to perfection. However, there is one type of partner who is ruthlessly condemned—merely, the one who takes charge of the bidding and insists upon making decisions for the partnership.

Let's follow the bidding in today's hand: West's single raise of his partner's spade bid with five to the Ace and a singleton was certainly sound. When the bidding reached four clubs by South, West justifiably passed, since he didn't think his hand would prove too valuable to his partner. In spite of his pass, East continued to a vulnerable four-spade contract, and South elected to defend at five diamonds.

Right here is where West took control. He arbitrarily decided

that his side could not make five spades—hence it behooved him to double his opponents. When East passed, accepting his partner's judgment, the contract was set at a mere 300 points—far less than the value of the rubber. Needless to say, if West had passed five clubs—the bid his hand called for—East would have continued to five spades; and since the cards were favourably distributed, six would actually have been made, and with it the game and rubber.

You were Oswald Jacoby's partner yesterday and held:

♠ K Q x x x
♥ A x
♦ A x x
♣ x x

The bidding:

You	Schenken	Jacoby	Maier
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Your correct bid is three spades. If your partner has a sound raise, he will bid to game and you should make it. Otherwise, he will pass. While you may actually go down at three spades, you must make some effort to get to game.

Score 100% for three spades, 60% for four spades (an overbid), 20% for pass (a distinct underbid).

QUESTION NO. 171

Merwin Maier is your partner. You held:

♠ A K Q x x x
♥ A Q x
♦ 10 x x
♣ x

The bidding:

You	Schenken	Maier	Schenken
1♠	2♠	2♦	Pass
(?)			

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Ankara, To-day.
Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, who is visiting Turkey, arrived here with his suite by special plane from Istanbul yesterday.

He was greeted by representatives of the three Turkish services and the Ministry of Defence.

Admiral Cunningham later met the Chief of the Turkish General Staff, the Minister for Defence and the Foreign Minister. — Reuter Bulletin.

CHINESE ENVOY AT FOREIGN OFFICE

London, To-day.
The Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, visited the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon and saw Sir George Mounsey, Assistant Under-Secretary, who is particularly interested in Far Eastern matters.

It is understood that the Chinese Government is particularly concerned about the question of Chinese silver in the British and French Concessions in Tientsin. — Reuter.

Nielson & Co., Inc., Managers for the Hong Kong Mines, Ltd., report 5,001 short dry tons of ore treated for the month of July, from which 589.92 dry tons of Lead Concentrates were produced, averaging 61.17 per cent. Lead and 14.64 oz. Silver per ton.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, To-day.
Holiday influences restricted trading on the London Stock Exchange yesterday, but the undertone remained steady.

Gilt-edged securities showed a slight improvement, while Kaffirs were firm on small Paris buying. Elsewhere changes were very small.

Among the commodities lead was strong on good consumer demand and small offerings.

Wall Street was easier. — Reuter.

LONDON ROCKED BY EXPLOSION

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which in its fall smashed the fire alarm causing a short circuit, which ignited the gas.

Hitherto no deaths are reported but about 50 injured were treated in St. Bartholomew's Hospital and elsewhere.

These injuries were mostly caused by falling glass and debris. Firemen are still fighting the flames.

EVENSONG AT ST. PAUL'S
Hundreds of worshippers at Evensong in St. Paul's Cathedral continued singing when the explosion burst like a thunderclap and shattered windows on the south side of the Cathedral.

The service was shortened and after the congregation had left, parts of the Cathedral were raided off. — Reuter.

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Loyang, To-day.
A British hospital in Tsin-yang in north Honan near the Shansi border is reported to have set been afire by the Japanese troops.

Anti-British agitation in the city is at its height. The walls are plastered with posters denouncing Britain.

There are about 1,000 Japanese and 400 puppet troops stationed in the city. — Central News.

Amsterdam, To-day.
The hopes of the Netherlands for a male heir have been disappointed.

A salute of 51 guns announced to the nation that a little princess had been born. After the fifty-first gun had boomed out there was a tense silence which lasted until everyone was sure that no more shots would be fired.

At the same time all the high-speed apparatus of modern news transmission gave the tidings straight from the White Palace at Soestdijk to the Netherlands and especially to the Netherlands Indies, where salutes were also fired. — Reuter.

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Chinese reports state that a force of guerillas is encamped near the city. — Our Own Correspondent.

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